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## Cold day inspires cool creation



Photo courtesy of The Grayling Nursing Centre

If you can't beat it, join it! That's what the residents of The Grayling Nursing Centre did last Wednesday, February 12 as the wind howled and temperatures struggled to reach 10 degrees. Staff members and residents decided to have some fun, bring the snow inside, and build a snowman. After the finishing touches were made, Mr. Snowman was taken out to the facility's patio to preserve everyone's hard work. Now he looks through the patio window for all to enjoy. Participating that cold and blustery day were, from left: Rose Korwek, Bill Winistor, Elva Waltz with her husband Victor seated behind, and Dorothy Goudie. Not shown is Sean Weatherly, a senior at Grayling High School, who helped the residents that day as part of his 40 community service hours needed for graduation.

## Let there be no empty bowls



Photo courtesy of the Frederic Parent Teacher Organization

Frederic Elementary School students look over the handmade bowls sold at the 4th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit on February 6 to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, which serves as the local food pantry. Every Frederic student created a ceramic bowl for the event held at the school, and visitors paid \$5 and \$3 each to enjoy a warm meal of chili and soup, breads and desserts. Over \$300 was raised to help stock the Help Center pantry.

## GMS Forensics Team scores 'Outstanding'

The Grayling Middle School (GMS) Forensic Team traveled to East Grand Rapids late last year for the Midwest State Warm-Up Invitational and returned to Grayling with Dorothy Zarnick taking a 2nd Place in Poetry and William Brown a 3rd Place in Sales.

Other members of the team and their categories were Reid Holzbauer (Prose), Whitney Keir (Oratory), Justin Denno and Megan Lepsy (Informative), Jamie Denno (Sales), Kaitlin Gibson, Chelsea Hanson, Cassandra Pizzi and Meng Xiong (Storytelling).

The GMS Forensic Team then traveled to the University of Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Middle Level State Tournament on January 10 and 11. The entire team received scores of Outstanding, averaging scores of 95 out of 100 points for three rounds of competition.

Whitney Keir placed 7th in the state in Original Oratory, presenting her "Solution to Drug Testing Problems in Today's Educational System."

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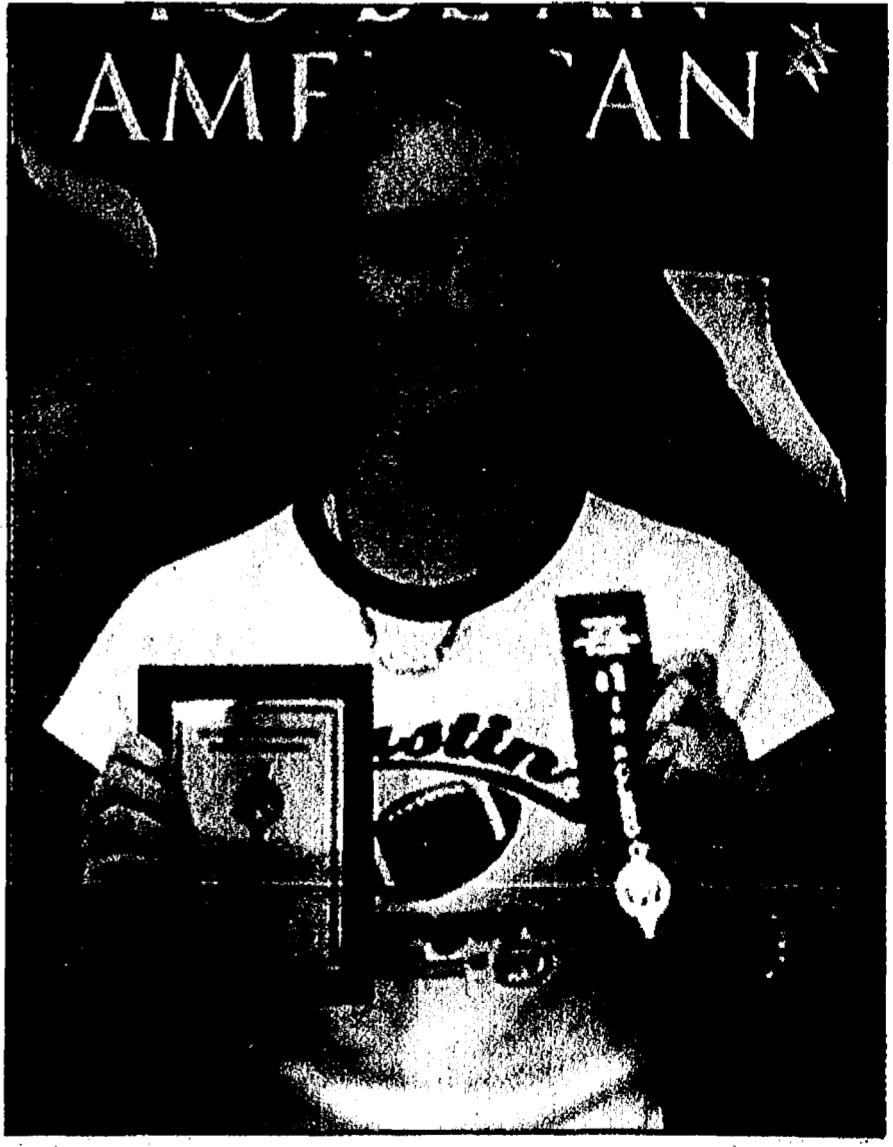


Photo courtesy of Coach Bob Gorski

Whitney Keir placed 7th in the state of Michigan at the University of Michigan's Interscholastic Forensic Middle Level State Tournament last month. The entire team received an overall "Outstanding" score.

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► Brian Banda resigns, Tom Wellman voted in to replace him

Last Monday, the Grayling City Council accepted the resignation of one of its members and appointed a replacement shortly thereafter.

Councilman Brian Banda, in a letter to the council that was read aloud by Mayor Dave Wyman on Monday, announced his resignation "with deep regret." Banda said his job as the school district's athletic director requires him to attend many athletic events, and those responsibilities have made it difficult for him to fulfill his obligations to the city. Banda said he hopes his resignation will "provide an opportunity for a council member with more time" to be appointed.

"We need to think about a replacement," Wyman said.

Councilman Roger Moshier said he would like to "renew his motion" (from November 12, 2002) and appoint Tom Wellman to the seat vacated by Banda. Moshier said Wellman is "civic-minded" and is "up to speed" since "he has been to all of our meetings." Councilman Jerry Hayes provided a second to the motion.

(In November of 2002, the city council went through the process of interviewing five applicants for one council position that had opened up due to a resignation. Wellman was one of the five people interviewed. With a 2-2 vote, his nomination by Moshier failed at that time.



Photo courtesy of the City of Grayling

**City Clerk Michele Moshier swears in recently-appointed City Council member Tom Wellman at the city office.**

Dennis Palmer, one of the other five applicants, was ultimately appointed.)

Following Monday night's motion to appoint immediately, Councilman Palmer expressed a reservation about acting on the appointment so soon. "I just found out about this (today)," Palmer said. "Should we go through the process? Do we have to?"

Wyman said he "shared (Palmer's) concerns."

"We can advertise and interview," Wyman said.

When put to a vote, Moshier's motion to appoint Wellman to fill Banda's seat passed 3-1 with Wyman casting the lone "no" vote.

Wellman and Palmer will both serve until the November 2003 election. The seats held by

Hayes and Wyman are due to expire this year, so they will also be on the ballot in 2003. Moshier's seat is the only one not up for election in November of this year.

The person elected to fill the slot currently held by Palmer will serve until the November 2005 election.

The other three seats will be four-year terms.

## City re-schedules DDA hearing

► Council will accept public input on DDA at March 19 meeting

used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

One of the steps involved with establishing a DDA is conducting a public hearing. The unit of government considering the creation of a DDA must approve a tentative district and publicize its

intent prior to the hearing.

The city council approved a tentative district at its January 13 regular meeting and voted 3-1 to set a public hearing for February 26. At the city council's next regular meeting (on January 27), the council voted to increase the proposed DDA district, so the February 26 meeting had to be cancelled due to posting requirements.

Last Monday, the council rescheduled its DDA public hearing for March 19.

## Celebration of local history planned

► County-wide historical event in the works for August weekend

tors can see some of the history at Hartwick Pines during Black Iron Days, Wellington Farm Park during its Flat Belt Festival and during Heritage Days at the Crawford County Historical Museum.

The coalition would like to set up one weekend in August where people could visit a variety of sites across the county demonstrating various activities that were important to the past residents of Crawford County.

Other groups across the county who are interested in helping to

set up a "Path to the Past" celebration include Fuller's North Branch Outing Club, the Lovells Museum and the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Other individuals or groups who would like to be a part of the "Path to the Past" should contact Mike Shearer at 348-2083.

## Frederic Township helps fund fireworks

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township board voted unanimously to give \$300 to the Grayling Youth Booster Club (GYBC) to help support the July 4 fireworks display.

The vote came after Max Tobin of the GYBC gave a brief presentation to the board. He said costs were increasing and the GYBC was looking for support from all of the townships partly because the display is enjoyed by residents throughout the county.

Tobin also said by getting county-wide financial support, the booster club would be able to use more of their funds to directly benefit area youth.

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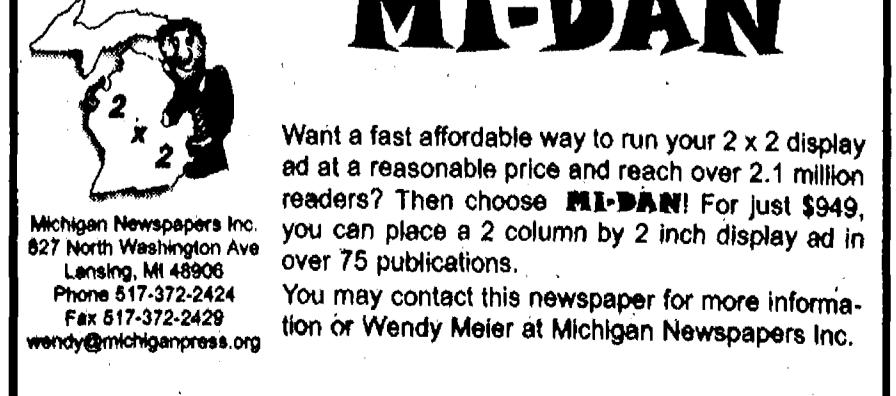
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# GMS Forensics Team scores 'Outstanding'

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She also received a blue ribbon for scoring a perfect 100 in her second round of presentations.

Other team members competing were Dorothy Zarnick (Poetry), Kelsie Gilbert, Cassandra Pizzi, Chelsea Hanson, and Kaitlin Gibson (Storytelling), William Brown and Jamie Denno (Sales), Justin

Denno (Informative) and Reid Holzbauer (Prose).

The GMS Forensic Team is coached by Robert Gorski for the past eight years. He is also serving his third term on the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Middle Level Governing Board representing northern Michigan for the past six years.

The top 12 students in each event receive trophies and plaques.

Over 1,500 students participated in the State tournament this past January 11.

Chaperones for the State Forensic Tournament were Judi Gorski, Sharon Zarnick, Laura Gorski (Varsity Forensic Team Member), and Mark Gingerick, a



Dorothy Zarnick placed 2nd in Poetry at the Midwest State Warm-Up Invitational late last year.

## Flu suspected as cause of child's death

► Parents urged to take action when severe flu symptoms arise

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) Health Officer, B. Michael Skoog, said preliminary results indicate that the death of a Newaygo County child on February 14 was possibly due to a complication of influenza infection.

The Health Department and the involved hospital are coordinating an investigation with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Health officials state this is an isolated case, with no evidence of an outbreak, and further information will be released when available. Close contacts of that

case are receiving preventive care against influenza.

In a press release on February 5, Dr. David Johnson, MDCH Chief Medical Executive, noted the state health department has been working with hospitals and other local health departments to investigate cases of severe illness or death, possibly linked to influenza.

He also noted they have been in contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for their assistance and consultation in the investigation. He further noted that contacting the CDC is routine in unusual illness or unexplained deaths.

The CDC acts in an advisory capacity and can provide specialized testing services as needed.

District Health Department #10 reminds parents to be alert for signs of severe illness,

including high fever, altered mental status, unusual neck soreness or stiffness, bleeding problems, breathing difficulty, and severe, sudden and persistent headaches.

If children develop such severe illness, they should be taken in for immediate medical evaluation, either with the child's regular medical provider or to the local emergency department.

If parents are interested in having their children vaccinated for influenza, there is still time this season to have it done by contacting the local health department or regular medical provider.

There has been an increase in influenza in the state, but this is consistent with the usual peak of influenza that is expected this time of year. Both influenza type A and B have been confirmed in the state. Laboratory results

indicate this season's flu vaccine matches the strains of influenza that are circulating. Residents who would like to receive a flu vaccine should contact the local health department office at (989) 348-7800 or their regular health care provider.

Additional information from the CDC on testing and treatment of influenza can be found at [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5103.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5103.pdf).

## B&E suspect pleads guilty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A local teenager faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced early next month after pleading guilty to felony breaking and entering at his arraignment in 46th Circuit Trial Court earlier this month.

In exchange for the plea made by Casey Nelson Darling, of Grayling, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss felony charges of second degree home invasion charges, larceny from a vehicle - \$1,000 to \$20,000, breaking and entering of a vehicle, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, breaking and entering a vehicle with intent to commit larceny, and possession of marijuana along with two misdemeanor charges of assault and battery and breaking and entering a vehicle.

However, Huss stated, he will seek restitution on all charges.

Seventeen-year old Darling and a 16-year old male friend went on a crime spree last spring and summer, allegedly stealing money, jewelry, prescription drugs, music CDs and a variety of personal property from unlocked vehicles in the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

By pleading guilty, Darling has waived his right to ever standing trial on charges that have been dismissed.

The remaining charge of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny concerned an early morning incident on

Evergreen in Grayling Township on July 18, 2002. Under oath, Darling described to Judge Dennis Murphy how he was "walking around, looking for something to steal."

According to Darling, he and his friend entered an attached garage and "proceeded to find valuables." Then he entered an unlocked car and took quarters from the glove compartment.

With assistance from the Grayling Police Department, the teens were arrested by Michigan State Police Troopers after being spotted by a man leaving his home in the Karen Woods Subdivision at about 2 a.m. The teens were wearing black nylons over their faces and were carrying backpacks.

Judge Murphy asked Darling why he wanted to steal something, and he replied, "I was confused about life... I wanted to get some exhilaration out of life." Darling added that he didn't need money.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was able to recover many of the stolen items from Darling.



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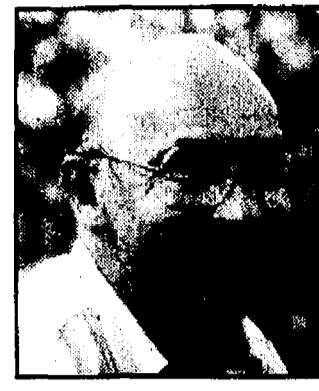
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Attorney General 'Just says no' to Gov. Granholm

THE VAUNTED persuasive talents of Michigan's new governor have hit a snag.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm asked Attorney General Mike Cox to construct a legal brief for her to send to the U.S. Supreme Court to support the University of Michigan in its historic affirmative action case. He just said no.

Mr. Cox said the state is not a direct party in the suit and there are enough legal arguments already represented from dozens of other "friend of the court" briefs.

Although he supports racial diversity, Mr. Cox said, the University is "on constitutionally weak grounds."

Of course, Republican President George Bush does not agree with the U of M policy either, nor do most Michigan Republicans and much of the public.

Gov. Granholm was rather mild in her reaction to the Cox rebuff, contending only that she thinks it was part of his job,

and she found other lawyers to prepare a brief anyway on her behalf.

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ALL THIS HAPPENED several weeks ago, but received new life the other day with a blast from Melvin (Butch) Hollowell, newly designated Democratic state party chair and a staunch political ally of Gov. Granholm, calling for Mike Cox to resign as attorney general because he wasn't doing his job.

Mike Cox will not resign as attorney general, nor should he.

The proper role of the attorney general in Michigan government when the governor is from one party and the attorney general from the opposite party is well established. In a nutshell, it's a cooperative yet hands-off relationship.

Both are elected constitutional offices, and both are political offices.

When both offices are held by the same party, the governor usually calls the shots without much conflict between

them, either legally or politically -- unless the attorney general is a strong personality with an individual agenda.

Today's operating policy in cases of partisan divergence between the offices, was established after the 1962 election, when Republican George Romney won his first term as governor, and Democrat Frank Kelley, who had been appointed by Gov. John Swainson, won his first elective try as attorney general. Both were strong willed individuals.

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EARLY IN THEIR joint experiences, the governor and the attorney general faced the inevitable partisan dustup, and the bi-partisan rules became clear:

Mr. Romney would run his office, and Mr. Kelley would run his. Both were elected by the people, and both owed first allegiance to the people and the welfare of the entire state. The offices were separate, and one would not dominate the other.

A spirit of wary cooperation ensued

for the next 20 years, as Mr. Kelley kept being reelected, and first George Romney and then Republican Gov. Bill Milliken won the governor's office.

For two terms after 1982 when Democrat James Blanchard won the governorship, Democrats held both offices. Mr. Blanchard, in fact, had worked in the attorney general's office under Mr. Kelley. They maintained a virtual tutor-protege relationship, with no overt friction.

Then came 12 years of Republican John Engler and Democrat Kelley. By this time Frank Kelley had become a political icon, and the rules were etched in stone. Wary cooperation continued.

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WHEN FRANK KELLEY finally retired undefeated in 1998, Ms. Granholm slipped into the equation as Democratic attorney general to John Engler's continued front office role.

Early on, Mr. Engler attempted some legal changes in the jurisdiction and

comparative roles of the two offices, and Ms. Granholm strongly and successfully defended the separation of powers, and the integrity of the attorney general's role.

Now, with Democrat Granholm in the governor's role, it was inevitable that a testing of the relationship would ensue when Mike Cox became the first Republican attorney general in almost 50 years.

Hopefully history will control, and the aura of wary cooperation between the two distinct offices will prevail.

The attorney general does not work for the governor. He/she works for the people.

Mike Cox is not Jennifer Granholm's private lawyer. He represents the state, and its people. That's how Ms. Granholm served as attorney general, too.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## EDITOR

### It's time to break out the flags again

To the editor,

Let's flash back to Sept. 11, 2001. Remember when the World Trade Center was attacked by the terrorist cowards? Remember when we united as a people against these cowards and vowed to eliminate this scum from the world? Patriotism was everywhere.

People recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America," and saluted the flag openly and with pride.

There were American flags everywhere. Especially on cars, trucks and vans.

What's happened in one and a half years, folks? Now it is hard to find a flag anywhere except on government and state buildings. Are our memories so short that we have forgotten that we are in a war against terrorism which even now threatens to destroy our way of life.

Have we forgotten the 3,000 innocent mothers, fathers, sisters, daughters, and kids who were murdered?

Make no mistake about it. We are in a war for our survival as a great country and our way of life. It's time to stand up

again and show our support for our country, military, and president.

For now, we have a president who has the guts and courage to do what has to be done to protect us all. He has stood up to the United Nations who for the most part are nothing but socialist puppets who would like nothing better than see us attacked in every way conceivable, and bring us to our knees.

Thankfully, President Bush and the rest of his administration is doing all in our power to prevent that from happening again.

We are about to go to war in Iraq to rid a mad man of the ability to threaten the rest of the world with chemical, biological, and perhaps nuclear weapons. Are we, the people of northern Michigan, going to sit on our hands while the misguided (I am trying to be kind) students and people of Petoskey and Big Rapids protest our efforts? Are you willing to let these people get the coverage of the left-wing media, while do nothing to show our support for our mili-

tary, president, country?

This is a military town, folks. It's time to shake the hand of a member of the National Guard and wish him or her well when they are deployed to protect us. It's time to break out the flags again to show our support for them and our president. It's time to write letters to the left-wing congressmen like Carl Levin, telling them to get behind the president, and stop supporting their buddies in Iraq.

In short, it's time to speak up! Don't wait for your neighbors to do it. Time is running out. We have to act now as a people, while we have the will to do something about terrorism. Think about this. The next person killed by a cowardly terrorist could be a loved one of your own. Could you live with that if you had a chance to stop terrorism by at least showing your support?

God bless the United States of America.

James W. Allman  
Frederic

### Keep Bush from the quicksand

To the editor,

Is it "loyal" to approve of a course that would injure our nation? Imagine you had a friend who was about to walk into some quicksand. If you were truly his friend, would you say, "Okay, you just go right ahead," or would you say, "Whoa, Bubba, that's not a very good idea!"

The message we are being fed is that a war with Iraq will make our country safer. But what if it achieves the opposite?

Yes, it would accomplish some good. First of all the military will get a whole lot of expensive equipment. And, secondly, we'd end the political career of a very nasty man by the name of Saddam Hussein. ... And?

That's it, folks. We wouldn't prevent Saddam sending a missile to us because he hasn't got any that can fly that far in the first place. We wouldn't touch Al-Qaeda -- they don't depend on Iraq for anything, and any Al-Qaeda who were in Iraq aren't going to stick around to find out what the business end of a cruise missile looks like.

We wouldn't even protect Iraq's neighbors, because Saddam is not totally brain dead -- he isn't going to lob missiles at his neighbors for the fun of it, knowing everyone would gang up on him and he'd get whupped good and proper.

Now, what about the bad effects?

1. If Saddam thinks he's going to get whupped anyway, he might send some missiles out of spite. Probably toward our troops, but if he has any left over, Israel will be next on the list.

2. We would spur a gigantic recruitment drive for Al-Qaeda. (Bin Laden is pleased as punch. He's already planning on this.) I've heard people say it wouldn't matter, everyone in the Middle East hates us already. That isn't quite true. Most Arabs, like most Americans, want to have a peaceful life, make a little money and raise their families. A lot of them are upset with the world situation, but not enough to take

action.

However, if the U.S.A. attacks a Muslim country which hasn't attacked us first, then Muslims all over the world are going to believe that we are truly against their religion. They'll believe that we hate Arabs, and want to make Iraq our colony. In short, they'll believe the people who are telling them they have to fight the U.S.A. So, how long do we want to be worried about another 9-11, a few years down the line? Or, forever?

3. We would have to stay in Iraq for 10 to 20 years, a target for extremist attacks whilst policing all the rival factions and trying to set up a working representative government. (This is what we promised we'd do in Afghanistan, and haven't, yet.)

4. Islamic political factions all over the Middle East would gain strength. According to a number of Middle Eastern experts; that could de-stabilize the whole region, but Turkey, Pakistan, and Egypt in particular. It would also undermine any attempts to work towards peace in Israel.

A lot of Americans might not care if an Islamic regime took over in a distant country. But Turkey is poised to become a member of the European community, Pakistan has nuclear weapons, and Egypt is considered the intellectual hub of the Arab world. Not good places to encourage fanaticism. And the last thing Israel needs is a fresh upsurge in suicide bombings.

5. The war effort would take billions and leave us deeper in debt than we've ever been. Even Alan Greenspan is worried about our fiscal stability if that happens. It would also drive fuel prices up, just when we've traded in our old cars for all those SUVs. And if you think our 401(k)s are in trouble now...

6. We'll seriously weaken the United Nations (U.N.) if we go in unilaterally, and possibly even if the Security Council caves in to American pressure and votes for a war, because the U.N. Charter doesn't allow for "pre-emptive strikes." There has been

a lot of right-wing propaganda against the U.N. recently.

But the U.N. stands for international law -- for countries not just taking the law into their own hands. If we act like "might is right," and undermine U.N. principles we set up in the first place, we betray the message we have sent to the world for over 200 shining years.

Saddam is bad, but Al-Qaeda is our most dangerous enemy. Focusing on Saddam is like attacking a lamprey when there's a shark fin coming towards us.

Our president is surrounded by people who are pushing for war, many of them for reasons of their own. He needs to have friends who are patriotic enough to advise him not to walk into the quicksand. If you care about the world, if you care about President Bush, if you care about America, speak up!

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### Mail carriers punish all when dogs runs loose

To the editor,

I'm writing in regards to the mail carriers in this town.

I am tired of my mail not being delivered because they seem to think that everyone on the street should be punished because

someone lets their dog out without a leash or chain.

I, for one, do not own a dog and rely on the mail for part of my income. I also know there are a few elderly people on this block who would like to have

their checks on time and not have to call up to find out what happened to their mail.

When a mail person takes the job, they have to know that dogs are a risk and they still take the job.

We, as homeowners or renters, cannot control who lives next to us or around us, so we really shouldn't be punished for the inconsideration of others on our block. Most of us are at work when the mail is being delivered and do not even see the dogs that are running loose.

I personally think the rates at the post office keep going up, but we keep getting shafted and having to pay for a post office box just to make sure we get our mail on the day it is to be delivered.

What I'm really trying to say is that if you own a dog, you know approximately when your mail is to be delivered. Please just keep your pets inside. If you're a mail carrier, please just do your job. You knew the risks!

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# BRIEFS

## COA invites all to Mexican Dinner

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center will host a Mexican Dinner on Friday, February 21, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and everyone is invited. Cost is \$3 for seniors age 60 and above, and \$5 for non-seniors. On the menu will be Santiago Soup. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling, behind Burger King. For more information, call the Senior Center at 348-7123.

## St. John Ladies to host card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, February 26 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## NWTF Gobblers plan banquet/auction

The Annual National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Sanctioned Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, March 8 at the Grayling Holiday Inn, sponsored by the Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of NWTF. Dinner will be buffet-style with carved roast beef and stuffed chicken breast. Single tickets are \$45 (includes membership), \$65 with spouse, \$220 sponsors, \$20 for Jakes (those 17 years and younger). All tickets will be held at the door unless otherwise requested. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program at 7 p.m. NWTF Gun of the Year will be presented. The event includes door prizes, silent auctions, raffles, and auction with gun artwork and lots of merchandise. Deadline for the \$100 Early Bird Drawing is February 26. For more information, call Treasurer Dennis Ryan at (989) 348-8338 or President Brian Brown at (989) 275-1426.

## Schools plan Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the AuSable Primary School Media Center, February 24 through March 3. The media center will be set up like a bookstore for shopping. Proceeds will be shared between the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School Media Centers. The book fair will open at 9 a.m. on February 24 and be open during regular school hours, including parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 27. The fair closes at 12 noon on March 3.

## Group to host March for Peace

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held Saturday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Mary Beth Brady at 348-4200.

## Library Teen Board plans teen party

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library's Teen Board will host a teen party on Friday, February 21, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for teens ages 13-19 years. Teens must prove their age to be admitted. There will be lots of food, an open microphone, a showing of the movie, "Fellowship of the Ring," and computer games. Adults are needed to help that evening. Call 348-9214, ext. 3 to volunteer. The library is located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

## Local MENSA chapter offers admission tests

Northern Michigan Mensa, local chapter of Mensa, the High IQ Society, will offer the Mensa Admissions Tests in Traverse City on Saturday, March 1. Approximately one in 50 Americans qualifies for admission, potentially 10,000 people just in Northern Michigan.

Mensa membership is available to all who score at or above 98 percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test.

The Mensa Admissions Tests can be administered to anyone age 14 or over. For more information on the March testing session or to request a session in your area, contact Dr. John D. Schultz, Proctor Coordinator, at (231) 275-6735 or by e-mail at

nwoodpc@chartermi.net.

Northern Michigan Mensa has approximately 80 members in an area from Ludington northward to Sault Ste. Marie.

Members range in age from the teens into retirement, and have a wide variety of professions and interests.

Activities are scheduled each month in Traverse City and occasionally in other areas with clusters of members. Members can also stay connected through a monthly newsletter, Borealis, as well as over 130 special interest groups in the U.S.

For more information about Mensa, activities in Northern Michigan, or how to join, see the Northern Michigan Mensa website at nmm.us.mensa.org.

## Two new computer courses offered to senior citizens

Kirtland is again offering two popular basic computing classes especially designed for senior citizens.

Taught by Clay Horton, the three-hour afternoon courses feature the Windows XP operating system along with the Office XP 2002 Suite.

"Class instruction emphasizes group interaction and team learning," Horton said. "There are several hands-on projects that deal with Windows XP, Microsoft Word, Excel, digital photography and easy, no-HTML web page production."

The computer lab also features professional grade seating this

year, he said.

One class begins on Tuesday, February 25 and runs to May 6, and the other starts on Thursday, February 27 and runs to May 8. Both sections meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 205 of the Administration Center.

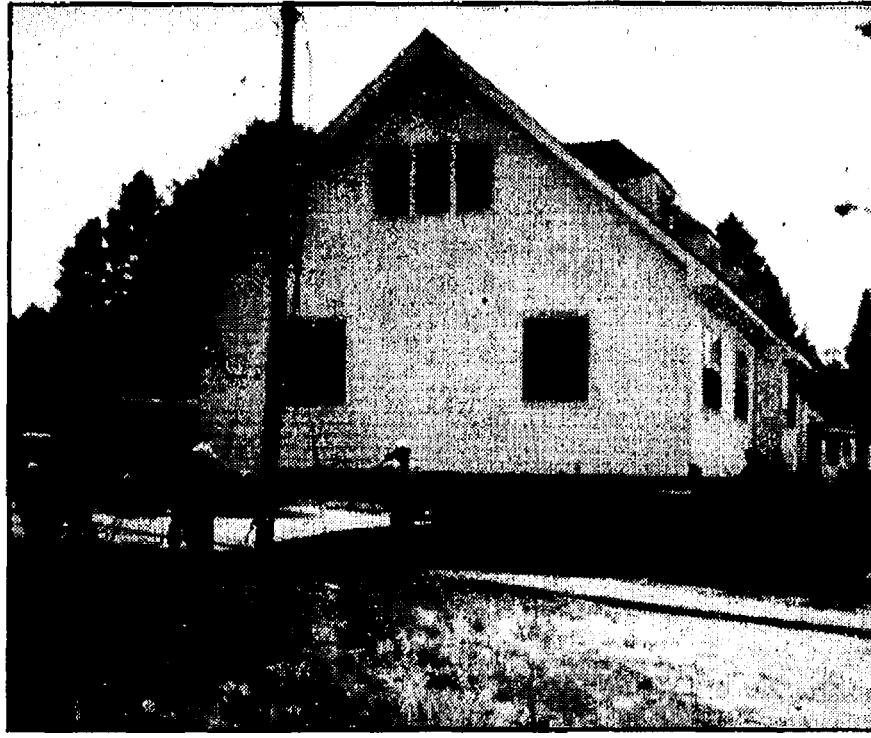
Tuition is waived for eligible, in-district senior citizens, but they will be charged \$39 in registration, course, facilities and technology fees. Out-of-district seniors will pay \$213. The textbook for the course costs about \$27.99, Horton said.

For more information about the classes, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 284.

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## AuSable River Center looking for artifacts



One of the few remaining white and green wooden Conservation Department buildings moves two blocks to become the "new" AuSable River Center.

The mission of the AuSable River Center is to keep the river healthy and to educate users to help them become good river stewards.

The Center, located at 602 George Street in Roscommon, is housed in one of the few remaining buildings originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939 for use by the Michigan Conservation Department. The building was enlarged in 1950 and after the Department of Natural Resources moved from the building it was used for some county offices and by the health department. The building was recently moved two blocks and has become the new home of the Center.

Renovations have reached the point where the group is looking for artifacts to illustrate the importance and effect the AuSable has had on this area. Walls have been removed to make space primarily for different kinds of canoes and displays depicting early inhabitants, fish and wildlife, lumbering and recreation on the river.

The plan is to have some exhibits ready for the annual meeting and open house to be held May 18. Those who wish to join the non-profit group and/or have articles of interest to share may contact Al Schultz at 821-5274, or write to A.R.C. P.O. Box 363, Roscommon MI 48653.

## ACT deadline draws near

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, the next nationwide test date. The registration deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA (grade point average), the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than two million times last year.

Important tips: Students who

have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online at ACT's web site: www.act.org. The web site also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

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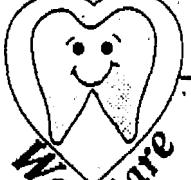
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# DNR tackles 'old growth' policies

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Michigan forests today are mere saplings compared to the majestic trees that dominated the landscape 200 years ago. Decades of logging and improper management have changed much of the forest makeup, nearly eliminating old growth forests.

Now, a year later than scheduled, the DNR is refining a plan to let large parts of the forests return to their original state. Environmentalists say it's overdue. Loggers hope that their industry won't be harmed.

There are about 19 million acres of forest in Michigan, but less than 70,000 acres can be considered old growth, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

"Old growth" refers to a forest dominated by mature trees. Most of Michigan's old growth forest is in the Upper Peninsula.

Many U.P. and northern Lower Peninsula residents worry that old growth planning will affect recreational interests such as snowmobiling and hunting, but that won't be the case, said Mindy Koch, the DNR's chief of forest management.

"It is not our intention to prevent people from enjoying the forest," Koch said. "Our planning may actually help provide more land for recreational enjoyment."

Some environmentalists want more sections of the state forests to be designated to become old growth, but the issue of old growth management isn't as clear cut as the public may think.

"The theory of designating areas to be old growth -- that's out there," Koch said. "The question is: What do you do to that area? Do you just walk away?"

She said the problem isn't simply a lack of big trees, but a lack of general biodiversity.

Every ecosystem is naturally designed to support certain species, but human tampering with the environment can lead to a change or decrease in the amount of species present in an area. For example, red pine plantations in northern Michigan are an example of single-species domination, an unfavorable circumstance, Koch said.

"Our whole goal is to maintain a healthy state and private for-

est," Koch said. "We want the species that survive the best in an area to grow in that area."

The DNR began planning for old growth and biodiversity management two years ago. The final plan was due this month, but it is still a year away from conclusion.

Environmentalists see the DNR's effort as a step in the right direction, but say it's taking too long.

"It's fair to say that their attention to the forests' well-being is increasing, but there isn't a real commitment yet to identifying and protecting old growth forests," Michigan Environmental Council policy adviser Dave Dempsey said.

According to Dempsey, Michigan forests are in good condition, but state funding for forest management has generally decreased. "As a result the management is in deteriorating conditions."

Anne Woiwode, the director of the Mackinac chapter of the Sierra Club, is concerned with the pace of planning, but also questions the DNR's motives.

"They've taken an extremely long time to get here," Woiwode said. "The forests have been almost entirely ignored except for what they can produce for somebody."

Woiwode warned that if the forests are managed only for commercial interests the health of the forests will suffer.

Still, logging and other commercial interests must be considered when planning for the future of the forests, said Doug Lee, the executive director of the Michigan Association of Timbermen in Newberry.

Lee agrees with the approach the DNR is taking.

"You have to compromise on some things in life," Lee said. "But the Michigan people do have needs for paper and lumber products and those have to be met."

"One of the cautions that we have is that we don't get too much old growth."

Michigan has the largest amount of state-owned forest in the United States at 4 million acres. The state forest is the timber industry's largest supplier. Therefore, whichever path state management takes will have a

direct effect on timber interests, Lee said.

"There are some people that have a little bit of anxiety over this, but it's an anxiety over anticipation," Lee said. "It's sort of still in its infancy."

Lee, Woiwode and Dempsey all served on a DNR public advisory team for old growth and biodiversity. They point to the three national forests within the state's boundaries as an example of what the state could and should have done at least a decade ago.

Huron-Manistee National Forest started a program of old growth management in the early 1980's and so far has designated 176,000 acres as old growth. The forest covers nearly 1 million acres in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"Our program is really visionary because we have very little true old growth," said Jim Dimaio, the forest planner for Huron-Manistee in Cadillac.

The designated old growth acreage results from a settlement agreement after public urging that part of the forest be set aside to become old growth.

Management for the old growth area will be largely left up to nature, Dimaio said.

"We have an old growth design that assists forest stands that aspire to old growth," Dimaio said. Little of the designated area is actually old growth, but it will be allowed to mature to that stage.

"We're going to rely on designated old growth to be managed naturally, with little intervention," Dimaio said.

Active aspects of management include controlled burns. Fires are a natural part of forest development, but they need to be prevented to protect human interests, so controlled burns are a way to do what nature would have done.

Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests in the U.P. both have old growth programs similar to Huron-Manistee's, although in smaller proportions to their forest size.

Dimaio said Huron-Manistee funding has actually risen for the past three years, from \$10.5 million in 2000 to \$14.8 million in 2002.

In contrast to the national forests, DNR-managed state

forests have only one area that is designated old growth.

Hartwick Pines State Forest in Crawford County is a stand of white pines that was somehow missed by loggers in the early part of the 20th century. It makes up about 10,000 acres of old growth, a minuscule fraction of the 4 million acres of state owned forest.

The state surveys one tenth of its forestland each year to determine the best way to manage each area. That means about 390,000 acres are reviewed on an annual basis, with 60,000 set aside for harvesting, according to chief Koch.

National forests are surveyed in the same way, but the Sierra Club's Woiwode says the state has trouble communicating its management needs to those doing the managing.

"They have, despite good intentions, just not gotten it done," Woiwode said.

At the current stage of planning for biodiversity and old growth, the DNR is trying to deal with these communication problems.

The state commissioned ecologists to survey the state's ecosystems and suggest ways to return them to a more favorable condition. Now that the surveying is done, the DNR must collate ideas for management into a plan that will work for all of the state-owned forest.

"It's a very difficult stage to be at," Koch said. "There's one thing to come up with these great ideas, there's another to implement them effectively."

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## Prayer for World Peace

by Joan D. Chittister, OSB



Great God who has told us "Vengeance is mine," save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our hearts and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt, to punish as we have been punished, to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves. We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers. We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples. We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to come more than the failures of our own making. We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power, to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence, and to bring peace-not war- wherever we go.

For You, O God, have been merciful to us.  
For You, O God, have been patient with us.  
For You, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful and patient and gracious and trusting with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his heart. This we ask forever and ever. Amen

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by Nova Anderson

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February:

19 - Beef Stew/Liver; Hearing Clinic by Appointment, Exercise and Line Dancing 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 1 p.m.; Crafts at 1 p.m.;

p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

20 - Italian Pork/Tuna Noodle Casserole; Lucky 7 Bus leaves at 10 a.m.; Blood Sugar/Blood Pressure at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed Class at 1 a.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Goulash/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.; Lovell's Satellite at 12 noon.

23 - Potluck at 3 p.m., bring a dish to pass and tableware.

2 - Glazed Ham/BBQ Chicken; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m., and Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: Always tell the one you love, you love them.

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Reverend William H. (Bill) Fraser wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all the friends and neighbors for the loyal support given to us over these last difficult months and days.

Genevieve Fraser

### Robert J. Palm

**Oct. 28, 1945 - Feb. 12, 2003**  
Robert J. Palm, age 57, of Roscommon, died February 12, 2003.

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## OBITUARIES

**Ronald William Taylor**  
**Sept. 14, 1905 - Feb. 14, 2003**  
Local poet, Ronald William Taylor, age 97, of Jackson, formerly of Grayling, died February 14.



He was born on September 14, 1905 to William and Lottie G. Taylor. He married Alice Mabel Green in 1932.

Ronald attended a one-room school when the family moved from Angola, Indiana, to Reading. When the family moved to Jackson, Ronald attended the West Intermediate School. After graduating from Jackson High School in 1926, he studied electricity to earn a Number One Contractor's License and to become a Master Electrician. He was known as "Wild Man" on Jackson's Auto Race Track, where he was the first to drive an auto over 100 miles per hour on Jackson's track.

Mr. Taylor worked at the Spartan Radio and TV Plant, the Miller Tool and Die Company and for the Home Dairy Company for 33 years.

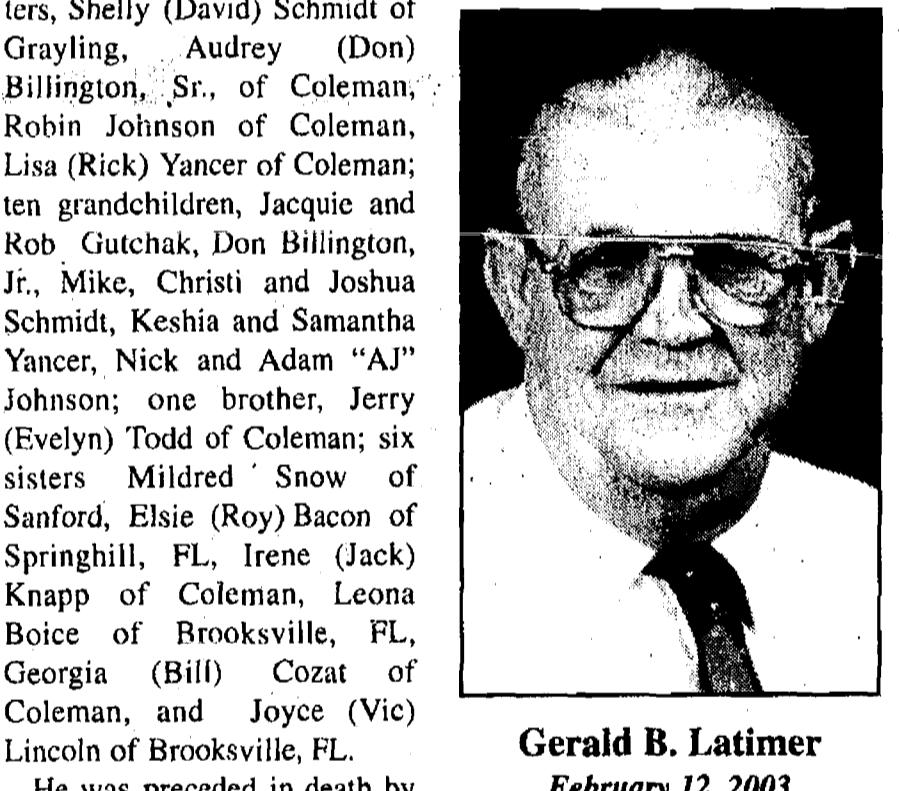
Ronald always had a story to tell about the first cars, planes, radios and TV's. He was very insightful, as he predicted events which occurred in his lifetime such as a man walking on the moon and the building of the Mackinac Bridge.

Surviving Ronald is one daughter, Sandra; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Alice, his parents, one sister, one half brother, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 17, burial was at the Sunset View Cemetery in Jonesville.

Arrangements by Wetherby Funeral Home, 402 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201.



**Gerald B. Latimer**

**February 12, 2003**  
Gerald B. Latimer, 71, of St. Johns, formerly of Roscommon, died February 12, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Thomas and Gary Todd, Sr.

Funeral services were held on

Monday, February 17 at the O'Laughlin Funeral Home,

Reverend David A. Howard officiated. Burial was in the Geneva Community Cemetery,

North Bradley.

Arrangements by O'Laughlin Funeral Home, 215 W. Adams Street, Coleman, MI 48618-0126.

Family was the center of his life. All those that knew and loved him will miss him deeply.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Donna (Argersinger), four children; Julie (Mike) Hopkins, Daniel, Jennifer (Wayne) Newsom and Amy; daughter-in-law, Cindy (Tom) Moore; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren that brought him constant joy. He also leaves behind one brother, two sisters, many nieces and nephews as well as numerous neighbors and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Dorothea Latimer, his in-laws, Fay and Olive Argersinger, one sister and son, Kalem B. Latimer.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 15 at the First United Methodist Church in St. Johns. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or First United Methodist Church of St. Johns in his memory.

This is a little note to let you know that you have been greatly missed by everyone!

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# Laundromat expands, relocates

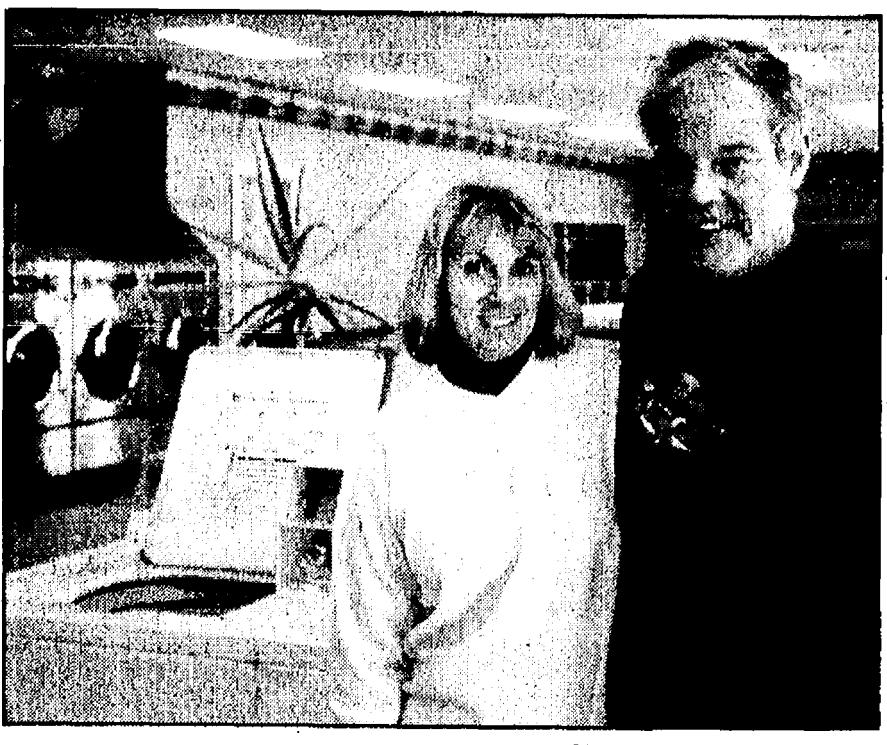


Photo by Susan Warrington

**Shirley and Karl Vander Veer at their newly expanded and remodeled laundromat in Grayling.**

## Rotary grant helps hospital launch pilot pager program

A \$1,500 grant from the Grayling Rotary Club has allowed Mercy Hospital in Grayling to launch a pager program designed to provide more mobility to patients and their families.

"Sometimes there can be a long waiting period for families of critical care or surgical patients," explained Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"Families may be afraid to leave the waiting room for fear they will miss crucial information. Sometimes they forego their own needs for food or sleep."

To help alleviate this hardship on families, hospital staff applied for and received the Rotary Club grant.

The program provides families with a pager similar to those currently used by hospital physicians and staff. Families will be

instructed to return to the waiting area when the pager vibrates or beeps. This service will allow families to move around within the hospital or surrounding area, yet will keep them in contact with hospital staff and physicians.

The pager program was implemented on February 10. The number of families using the system will be tracked and families will be surveyed about how the program works and if it is meeting their needs.

Depending on the success of the program, additional pagers may be purchased so the service can be expanded beyond critical care and surgical units.

"Our goal is to reduce anxiety and discomfort among families of our patients," said Riemer-Matuzak. "Having a loved one in the hospital is very stressful. We want to provide those families with some peace of mind."

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Karl and Shirley Vander Veer, owners of the old Scrub Board and Wagon Wheel laundromats, have consolidated their businesses into one location.

The new Grayling Laundromat, is located at 104 Charles Street in Grayling, the site of the old Scrub Board laundromat. A 1,400-square foot addition was put on the building, and the older portion was completely remodeled.

The new laundromat is large and airy with lots of light, new equipment, comfortable chairs and a decor which reflects the north woods character of the area. There are 37 washers and 28 gas dryers available for use, or if preferred, laundry can be dropped off then picked up the next day, clean and folded.

The laundromat also offers dry cleaning service through Alpine Cleaners of Gaylord.

The grand opening for the new laundromat was held February 10-16. Tom Ducastel won the color television, Nick Walters won \$50 of free washes and Norman Seaver won \$25 of free washes.

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## Donkey rescue group joins forces with Petfinder.com

► Local shelter has found success in partnership with web site

Homeless pets in the area have a better chance of finding a 'forever' home since Crossroads Donkey Rescue of Grayling has joined Petfinder.com, a searchable database that showcases their pets worldwide via the Web.

Crossroads Donkey Rescue has its own home page on the Web site, and each of its pets has its own page featuring a description and usually a photo. Potential adopters can also search by type of pet, breed, size, age and gender. Pets that match the search criteria are ranked in proximity to the visitor's zip

code.

Since September 2000, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County has partnered with Petfinder.com to find homes for its animals. "I would feel comfortable in saying about 100 animals have been placed through contacts with the web site," said shelter manager Dixie Lobsinger. "We have had a real good response and Crossroads most likely will, too."

"We are gratified by the changes Petfinder has made in the way pets are re-homed," said Betsy Saul, president and co-founder of Petfinder.com. "They no longer have to wait for someone to happen in the door. People can find them from miles and miles away."

And they do. Petfinder.com receives hundreds of stories monthly from people who have

traveled many miles to adopt the 'perfect' pet they first saw from the comfort of their own homes. "For many people, doing their initial search for a pet online relieves the stress of visiting a shelter," Saul said, "and a more informed choice can be made."

Each adoption is handled by the animal welfare organization which houses the homeless animal. Petfinder.com facilitated over half a million adoptions last year alone.

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Because of Petfinder.com's partnership with PetHealth, Inc., a gift of two months of ShelterCare Pet Insurance, paid for by PetFinder.com, is given to

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To learn more about the Crossroads Donkey Rescue, call (248) 669-1971 or write via email to donkeygirl13@hotmail.com.

To learn more about the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, call (989) 348-4117 or email: animal\_director@hotmail.com.

Both organizations can be found through the Shelter link at Petfinder.com.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 52 complaints during the period from February 9 - 16:

One larceny, three assist other departments, one motorist assist, two alarm, one property damage report, one juvenile, one attempt to locate, one disturbing the peace, one felony arrest, three private property accidents, four traffic accidents, two personal injury accidents, two civil infractions, eight city ordinance violations, 15 unclassified, and six traffic warnings issued.

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## Kirtland history instructor wins grant

Kirtland history instructor John Thiel is one of eight Michigan college instructors to win a Venture Grant for his service-learning in one of his courses.

The awards, ranging up to \$2,500, were granted by the Michigan Campus Compact.

Thiel's plan is to have students in his "The Individual and Society" class compile a comprehensive directory of area organizations and community partners from Kirtland's four-county district.

The directory, to include about 50 organizations, will be updated annually and made available to all other college faculty for use related to service projects in their programs of study.

Service learning is a method in which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized experiences that meet actual community needs.

It is integrated into the students' academic curriculum or

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The Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of colleges and universities that pro-

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February 26

Mood is affected by specific chemicals in the brain. Nurse Practitioner, Karen K. Lorne, RN, MSN, WHNP, FNP will discuss "Energy, Anxiety, & Motivation: How your mood affects you," during a free presentation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 26, at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

The primary care environment presents unique challenges for the optimal diagnosis and treatment of mood disorders. Time pressures that exist during a typ-



**Karen K. Lorne, RN,  
MSN, WHNP, FNP**

ical primary care visit make the assessment of psychological

problems difficult and may result in unnecessary medical testing for the patient, additional patient visits, and increased medical costs.

"My goal is to increase participant awareness of the general scope of mood disorders and chemicals in the brain which affect mood," said Lorne. "My intention is to empower community members and facilitate communication between patients and their primary healthcare providers."

Lorne's presentation is part of Otsego Memorial Hospital's 2003 Family Wellness Series. For more information on the Family Wellness Series, call OMH Community Health Education at (989) 731-2193.

### HONORS

Jill Ryther, a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School, has been accepted for membership in the Phi Sigma Alpha honorary society in political science.

She is a junior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in political science and English, and a minor in political philosophy.

This honor is based on academic excellence overall, and in the specified field.

## New executive chef joins Michaywe' staff

Deborah "Deb" Van Til has been named the executive chef for Michaywe's "Inn The Woods" restaurant.

Van Til brings a rich and varied culinary background to Michaywe', just south of Gaylord. Her most recent experience was a 10-year turn as banquet Sous chef at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Her prior years have been spent learning more about French cuisine, serving as Sous chef for Margaux of Naples, Florida. She also spent a number of years as Chef and kitchen manager with a restaurant in Sacramento, California. Longing for the slower pace of northern Michigan, Van Til ultimately returned "home."

Blending her extensive hands-on experience with her natural talent in the kitchen has brought Van Til to the executive position at Inn The Woods. She credits her strong German heritage for her over-the-top work ethic and her years growing up in the family-owned restaurant in Atlanta, Michigan for her love for food.

Inn The Woods Restaurant features a menu from soup to steaks to pizza and opens each day at 11:30 a.m., serving lunch and dinner. For more information, call (989) 939-8800.

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## Another KCC instructor honored

Susan Owens is the latest Kirtland instructor to be honored for her community service-learning efforts by the Michigan Campus Compact.

"This is the highest annual award the MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan," Amy Smitter, MCC director, said in a letter to Owens announcing the award. "You were designated by your peers as the person on your campus that made the most outstanding contributions in the area of community service learning. The award recognizes the impact you have had in significantly enhancing your students' education."

Owens, a nursing instructor, was honored at an awards ceremony February 14 at the seventh annual Institute on Service Learning at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

She is the fourth Kirtland instructor honored by the MCC in the past four years. Maggie

Tatum (English) won it last year, succeeding Marcell Romancyk (math) the previous year and service learning coordinator Nick Holton the year before that.

Service learning is a method in which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized experiences that meet actual community needs. It is integrated into the students' academic curriculum or provides structured time for a student to integrate newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their own communities.

The Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of colleges and universities that promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be community-minded citizens through creating and expanding academic opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

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### NEW ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS JOIN MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

Darius A. Divina, DO, is joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Divina completed his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI.

Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

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## Local scouts successful at Klondike Derby

One hundred twelve Boy Scouts and Webelos from across the AuSable District of the Lake Huron Area Council gathered at Kirtland Community College for the annual Klondike Derby, Saturday, January 25.

After a short opening and instruction period the scouts loaded up their Klondike sleds and hit the trail. The scouts had to load their equipment for the day into a sled that resembles a dog sled, then grab the rope on the front and head off. The scouts

stopped at skill stations along the way that included shelter building, first aid, fire building, map and compass reading and the sled race.

The Webelos skill stations also included a sled race, ice rescue, fire building, map and compass reading and teamwork.

Cub pack 3993 dens led by Joni Dunckel and Lennie Wargo, troop 979 led by Loren Goodale, and troop 995 led by Jim Pickell attended the derby.

Pack 3993 Fireball Patrol won second

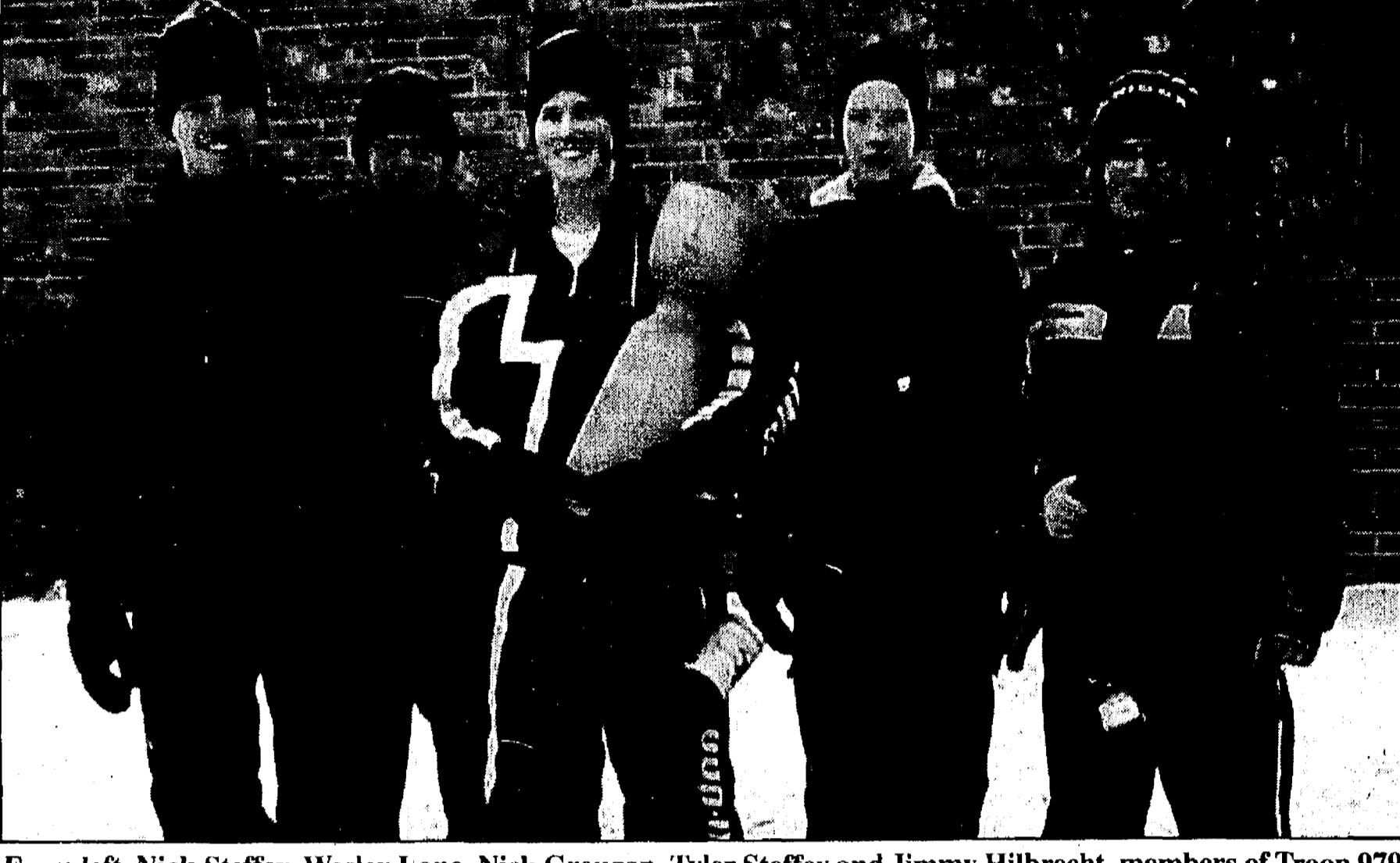
place in skills, third in independence, second in scout spirit and second overall.

Troop 995 Frog Patrol won first place in fire building, first in stretcher race.

Troop 995 Vikings Patrol won first in map and compass, third in sled race and second overall.

Troop 979 Booger Patrol won first in first aid, second in map and compass, first in knots and lashings and first overall.

Troop 979 has won the district first place totem at five of the last six competitions.



From left, Nick Steffey, Wesley Lane, Nick Grougan, Tyler Steffey and Jimmy Hilbrecht, members of Troop 979 Booger Patrol with their trophy from the recent Klondike Derby.

## Students younger, taking more credits as KCC enrollment soars

► Kirtland now second in state in enrollment, credit hour percentages

Enrollment continues to soar at Kirtland Community College and students are getting younger while taking more credit hours, according to statistics released

by the college recently.

Winter semester is up a whopping 14.2 percent, to 1,735 students, compared to 1,519 in Winter 2002. But credit hours are up an astounding 23.8 percent, to 14,903, compared to 12,041 last year.

Only Wayne County Community College recorded higher numbers in both areas than Kirtland, according to a poll of state college registrars and admissions officers.

"We've been saying all along that the economy is a big factor in the increases we're seeing, but it's obvious that other forces are at work here," said Dr. Charles

Rorie, Kirtland's president who has seen enrollment skyrocket since he assumed his office three years ago. "I think it's time to take a good, hard look at the breakdown of all those numbers to find out where all these students are coming from and why, and what we can do make their college experience all it can be."

"But with our numbers going through the roof like this, clearly a lot of people are doing a lot of good work around here."

Jim Enger, the college's marketing director, concurs.

"There's no question the economy is playing a large role," Enger said. "But I think we are also seeing signs that a focused, 2-year-old marketing program involving many people, including a full-time recruiter, is starting to pay off. This is the first such plan in the college's history, and it's aimed particularly at high-school students."

Not coincidentally, Kirtland seems to be the school of choice among younger people. More than half of Kirtland's students (914) are under the age of 24, a category that rose 16.4 percent over the same period last year. The 25-39 group (505), rose 20.2 percent, according to figures Stacey Barnes, Kirtland's director of student services, shared with the college board at its recent meeting.

While Kirtland's four-county district (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon) is the largest community college district in the state, it draws 445 stu-

dents from out-of-district, a category that rose a remarkable 45.7 percent. Many of those students, Barnes said, are nursing students in Gaylord and Tawas, where Kirtland is growing its health-careers programs.

In fact, "Health Occupations, Kirtland's signature program, rose 41.5 percent to 409 students. Other programs that enjoyed strong growth: Secretarial, 97, up 42.6 percent; Criminal Justice, 90, up 23.3 percent; and Cosmetology, 49, up 44.1 percent.

More than a third of Kirtland's students (658) are taking a full load of class of more than 12 credit hours. That represents a 27.8 percent increase over full-time students last winter.

Meantime, Kirtland has managed to keep its student-teacher ratio to a very efficient 17.2, up from 15.9 a year ago but still one of the most favorable ratios in the state.

Kirtland's enrollment includes those signed up for classes and attending the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord, which opened in January 2002.

The M-TEC has 133 students, or about 7.7 percent of the college's total headcount. Those students are taking 833.27 credit hours, or just 5.6 percent of the total credit hours.

Also, nearly a third of Kirtland's students registered for classes online this semester, the first opportunity web registration was widely available to all prospective students.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Coming up in March at the Devereaux Library:

On March 3, listen to Library Director Edward Elsner read from Dr. Seuss in the reading pit all day long! March 3 is Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America Day."

On March 15, celebrate the first birthday of the Devereaux Library with cake, balloons, and brand new library cards for everyone.

On March 20, hear local author, Ida Mae Ireland, talk about self-publishing and read from her book. Questions and answers about how to publish your work, the writing process, and her book, *From Ashes: A Deep Canyon Tale*. Ireland will be signing her book and have copies available for sale.

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The nine sets of twins at Grayling Middle School got together for a Twins Party recently. Five sets are in the sixth grade, two sets in seventh and two sets in eighth. Back row (left to right): Mike and Jim Boylan, Wesley Rasmusson, Mary and Emily Annabel, Timmy and Becky Hohl. Middle row: Marie Miller, Zachary Rasmusson, GMS Principal Doniel Pummell, Tiffany and Railee Henderson. Front row: Sarah Miller, Jarrod and Jessie Fulton, Alex and Mariah Horn, Kaitlin and Jessi Gibson.

## Junior Achievement programs benefit CASD students

During this school year the fifth graders at Grayling and Frederic Elementary schools will be given a total of six Junior Achievement programs entitled "Our Nation," which examines how businesses operate in the United States and explores various economic issues that impact those businesses.

The sixth graders at Grayling Middle School will participate in six programs, entitled "Our World," which focuses on imports and exports, the role of foreign exchange, and how countries are interdependent.

These programs from Junior Achievement are designed to help educate and inspire students to value our free enterprise system and entrepreneurship, develop a basic understanding of business and economics, and be workforce ready.

## P.I.T. STOP

### Grayling Middle School News

#### Submitted by Parent Involvement Team

Attention parents: We are looking for comments and suggestions on cost saving ideas for the middle school. The school district as a whole has to cut everywhere, but you may have an idea that they aren't thinking of. Please let us know. There are forms available at the middle school office or you can e-mail Nancy Hatfield at [nhatfield@casdk12.net](mailto:nhatfield@casdk12.net). You may also call Nancy Hatfield at the Middle School at 344-3554. We need all comments by Friday the 21st: Here's your chance to voice your opinion on what the school district should cut.

We will be setting up an e-mail data base for the middle school students. If you are interested in receiving school information via e-mail, please send us your e-mail address at [nhatfield@casdk12.net](mailto:nhatfield@casdk12.net) or [Shirley@northmichiganappraisal.com](mailto:Shirley@northmichiganappraisal.com). This will be an easy way for us to get information to parents, without spending a lot of money.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST -

The high school counselors will be at the middle school to answer any questions that the 8th graders may have about high school. Please talk to your child about this and think about important questions. For example: bussing for in town students, classes they will need for college, lunch charges.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - There will be a half day of school on this day starting at 12:30 p.m. The middle school will be holding student led parent conferences from 4 - 7 p.m. on this day. This is a great opportunity for your child to show you what he/she has been

doing. The kids work hard getting ready for this day so please make an effort to attend with your child.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS - High school class requests are due today. They need to be turned in to your homeroom teacher.

OUR NEXT P.I.T. MEETING will be March 13th at the middle school. We are planning our 3rd annual FunFest at Hanson Hills, which will be held in May. We could really use some new parent input. Please attend. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.

### ANNOUNCING

## WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

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**Marj Kelsey, FNP**  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Marj Kelsey is a Certified Nurse Practitioner. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, and received her graduate degree from Michigan State University. She has been part of the Mercy Hospital Grayling staff since 1987 and began her work as a Nurse Practitioner in 1995.



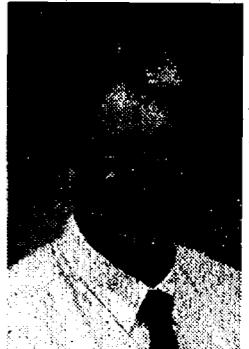
**David LaGattuta, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

David A. LaGattuta, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. LaGattuta completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University. Dr. LaGattuta began practicing at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1996.



**Vincent E. Schultz, MD**  
Family Practice/OB/GYN

Vincent E. Schultz, MD, is a specialist in Family Practice and Obstetrics. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Schultz completed his residency in Family Practice at Midland Family Practice and fellowship in Obstetrics in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Schultz joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2001.



**Carl F. Schubert, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Carl F. Schubert, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Schubert completed his medical education at Wayne State University in 1989, and practiced in Alpena before joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002.



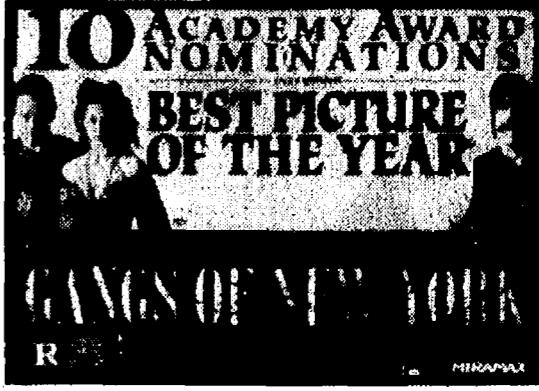
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## HONORS

### Hope College

Hope College announced that Jessica Barber of Grayling was named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year.

Jessica is the daughter of Bob and Carol Becks.

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Northern Michigan University Northern Michigan University announced that Kristina L. Cadeau and Colin G. Hunter of Grayling were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2002 school year.

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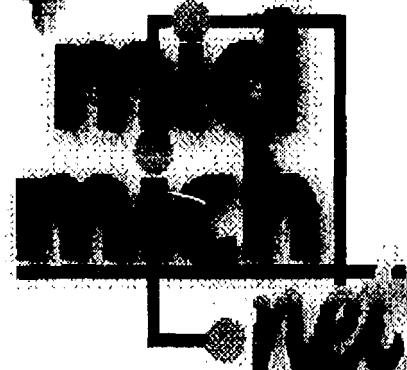
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

## VIEWPOINT

by Lynnette Corlew, Chair Crawford County Board of Commissioners

### Board asks for community input to find solutions to budget crisis

As we begin a new term of office, we face many challenges in our future. Unfortunately, when Federal and State governments experience budget shortfalls, Crawford County will also experience more financial hardship.

Governor Granholm is predicting that, in 2004, revenue sharing to counties will be

severely cut or eliminated all together. This means an approximate \$300,000 shortfall for Crawford County alone.

The townships and the City of Grayling will not be immune from revenue sharing cuts to their budgets, either.

These cuts could be devastating to our county budget. We have spent the last five years

reducing our budget by eliminating positions, reducing hours of service and eliminating the sheriff's 24-hour road patrol.

Departments are being impacted in a significant way because everyone is performing multiple positions. Equipment upgrades and capital improvements are needed due to age and usage.

Every department is being challenged to do more with less in order to continue the services required. There are few items left to reduce or eliminate on the expenditure side of the budget.

Where do we go from here is the most frequently asked question. We must find a way to increase revenues, if possible, without additional taxes. How can this be accomplished is another question.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

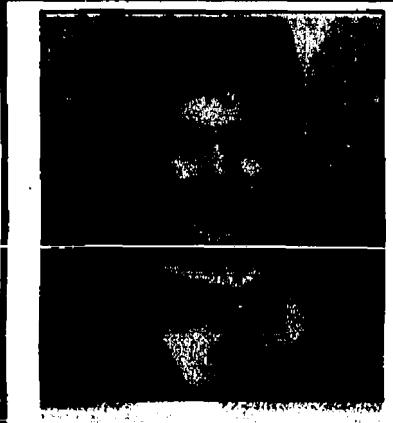
One step we are taking is to form partnerships to foster economic development. In order to achieve this goal, we are working with Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E), township boards, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

We have defined our needs and future goals, and now is the time to roll up our sleeves and make it happen. However, we will not be able to do it immediately nor will we be able to do it alone.

Community input and involvement are always welcome.

If you have any ideas, questions, or contributions to make, please contact your county commissioner.

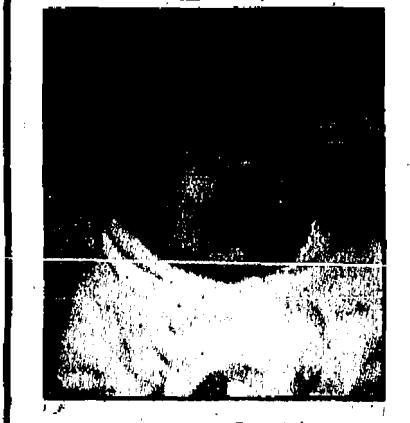
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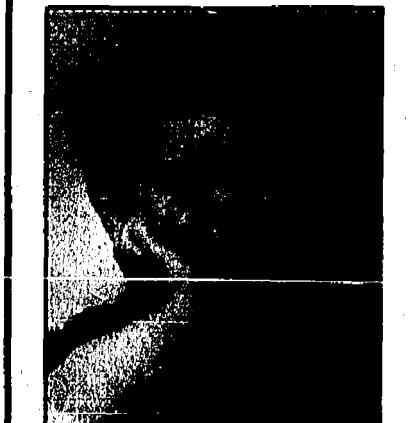
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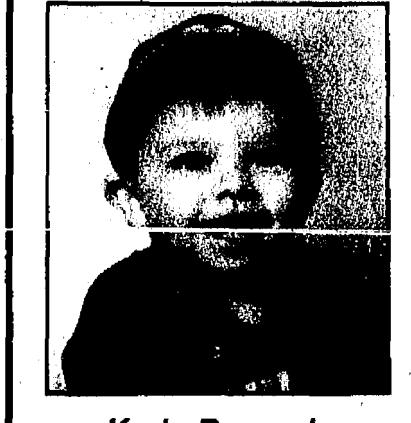
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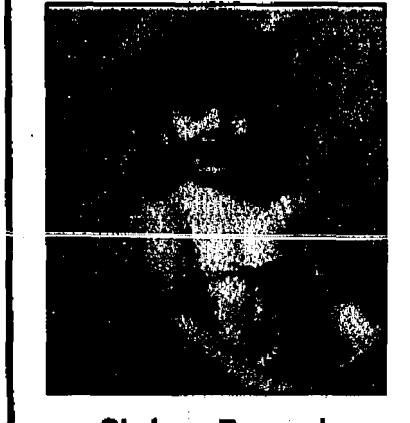
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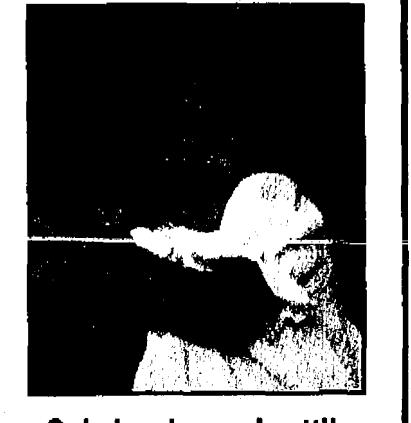
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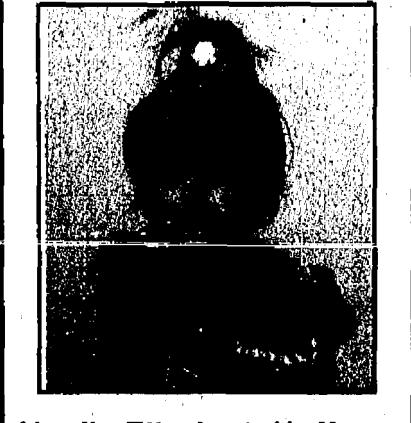
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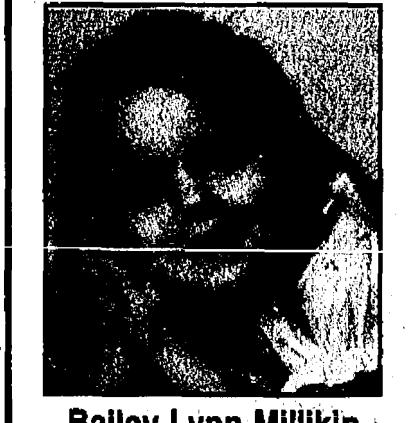
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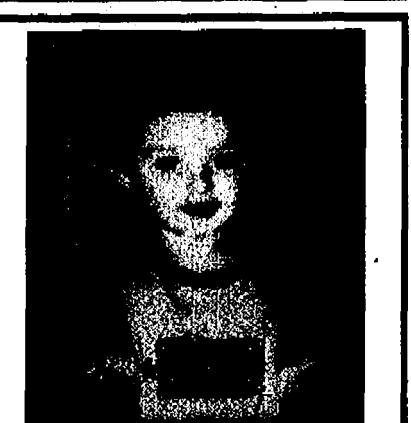
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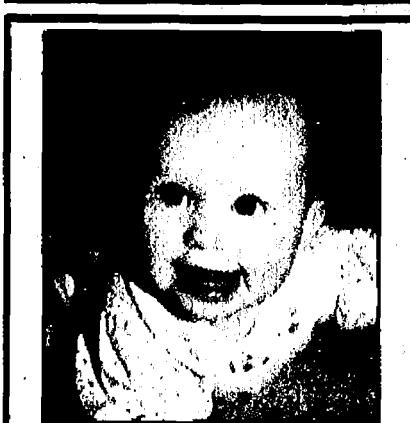
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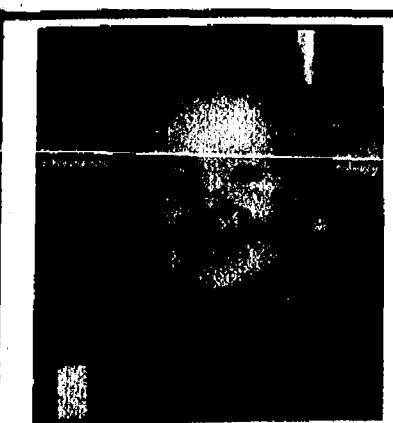
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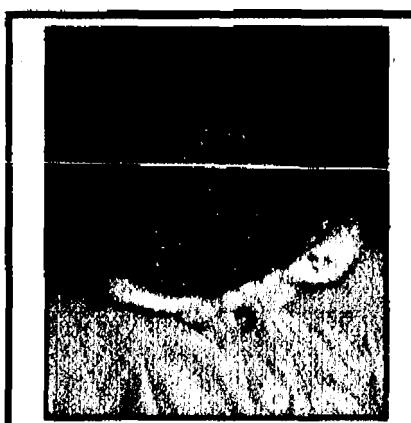
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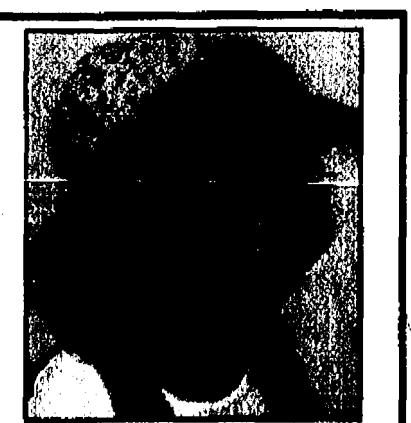
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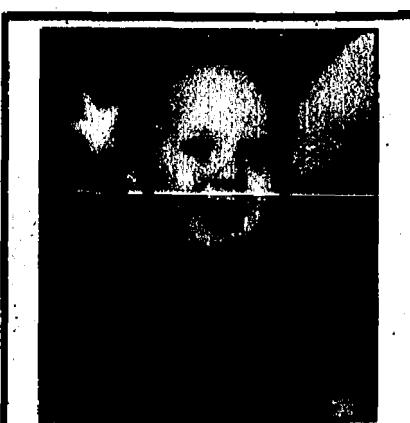
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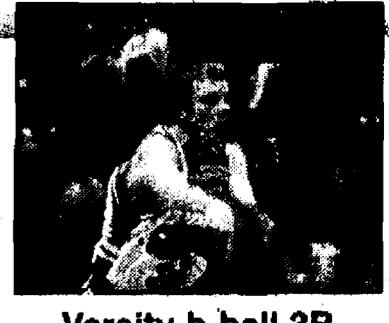
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SECTION

# SPORTS & RECREATION



Varsity b-ball 3B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 20, 2003

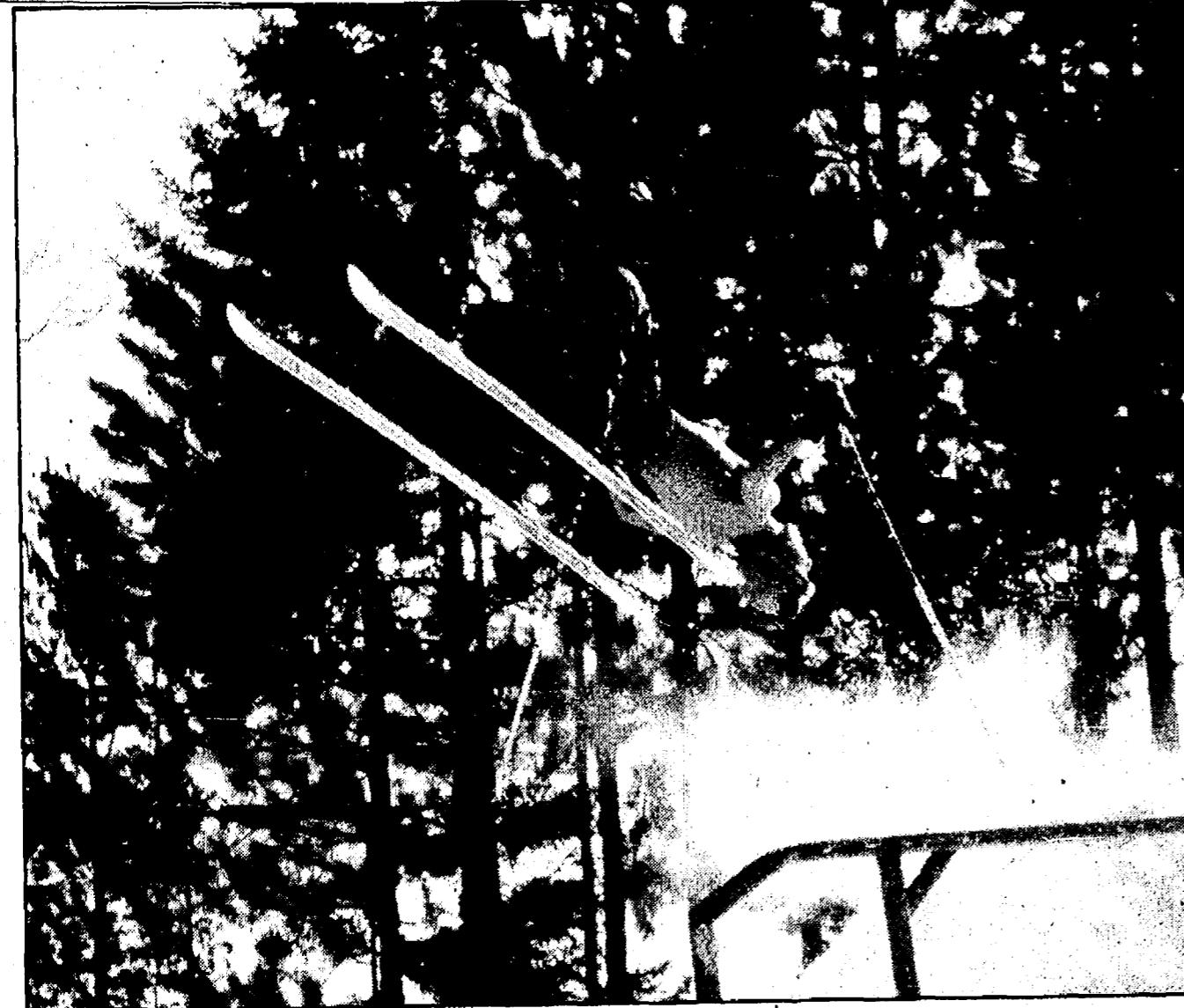


Photo by Caleb Casey

Kyle Trudgeon performs a (shirtless) flip off the ramp at the Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days festival.



Photo courtesy of Herb Olson

Erik Olson competes in the snowboarding portion of the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition. For more on the event, including results of both the skiing and snowboarding competitions, see Page 5B.

## Winter Fun Days

Winter Fun Days – held at Hanson Hills during the weekend of February 7-9 – featured a wide variety of events and competitions.

Skiers and snowboarders com-

peted in a slalom race on Saturday, and on Sunday, skiers and snowboarders took to the hills again for the high-flying Big Air Competition. On Friday, there was an indoor horseshoe tourna-

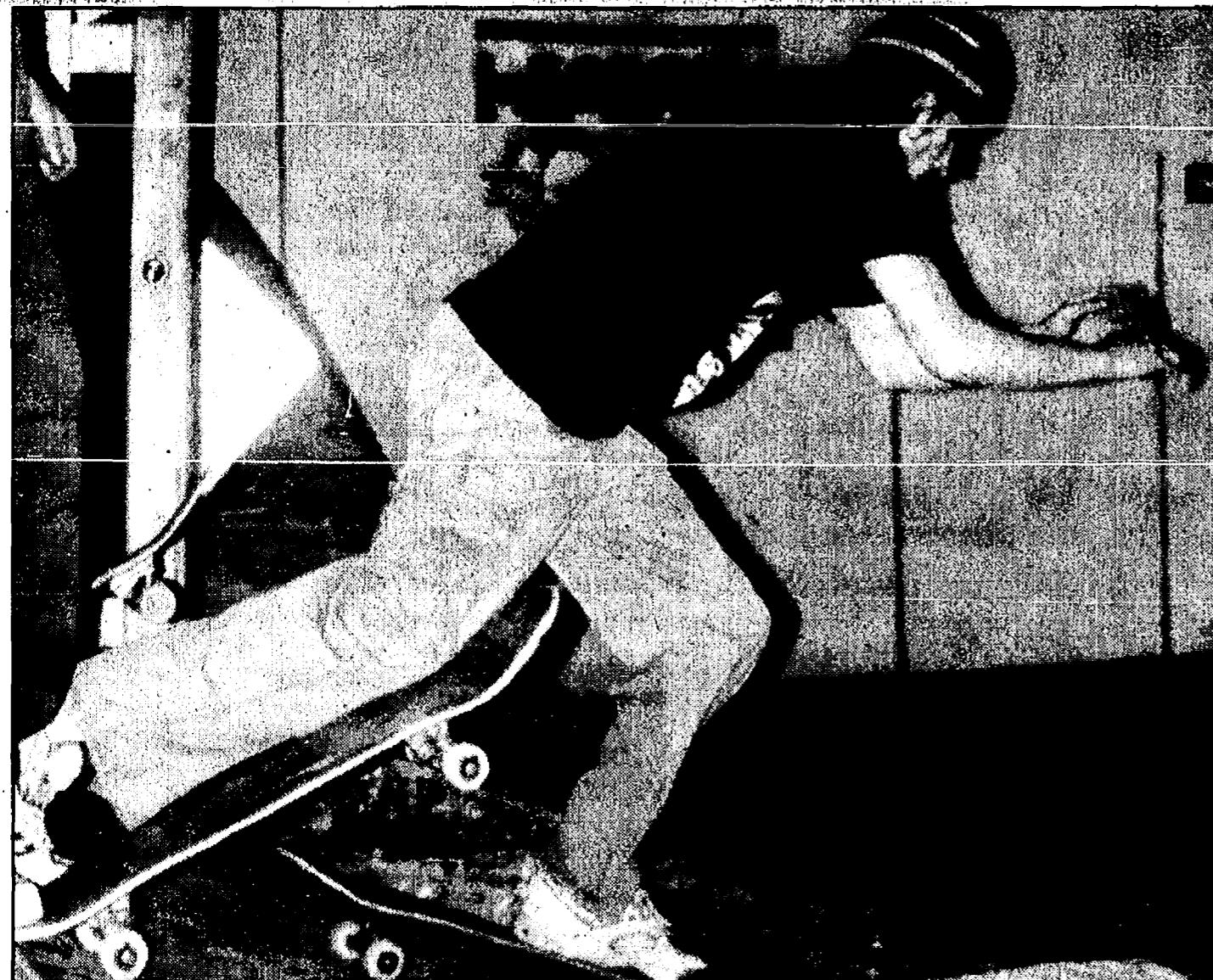
ment (which substituted bean bags for shoes).

On Sunday, Gray Rock Cafe was announced as the winner of the WFD Chili Cook Off for the fifth time.

Other competitions and events included a scavenger hunt (for a hidden Hanson Hills ski pass), a snowball throwing contest, group ski lessons, and a skateboarding/rollerblading competi-

tion at the Hanson Hills Skate Park.

Winter Fun Days, formerly the Winter Wolf Festival, is an annual Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority event.



The Winter Fun Days festival included a competition for skateboarders and rollerbladers.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Recreation Authority

Julie Ginther competes in the WFD Indoor Horseshoe Tournament, which subbed bean bags for horseshoes.



The winners of the 2003 WFD Chili Cook Off were: 1st – Gray Rock Cafe; 2nd – Mercy Hospital; 3rd – Holiday Inn. Other prizes awarded at the event: Gift Certificate Winners – James Jones, Rose Nelson, Vickie Putnam, Douglas Slater; Meat and Cheese Tray Winners – Ann Hamlin, Wayne Nelson; 50/50 Winner – Charlene Scheer.



Bradley Bertalan (right) found the WFD Scavenger Hunt prize: a Hanson Hills ski pass for 2003-04. He gave it to Alex Sloan (left).

## Four Vikings qualify for Regionals

► Partello wins his 100th career match and a District title

(103), Adam Malone (130), Joel Wilson (145), and Aaron Rosecrans (215) each had one win for the Vikings.

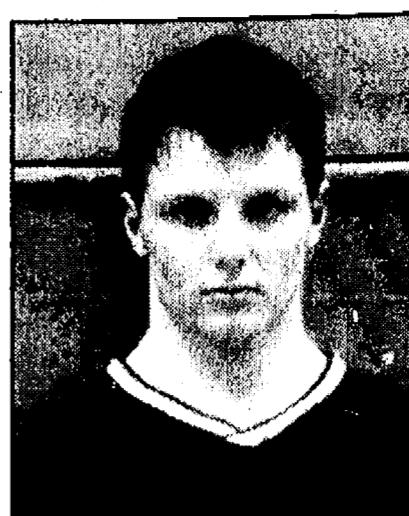
At the Individual Districts event at Cheboygan on Saturday, four GHS wrestlers - Wilson (freshman), Partello (junior), Babbitt (junior), and Pratt (junior) - placed high enough to qualify for Regionals.

Partello was the District champion in his weight class (152), and earned his 100th career high school wrestling victory at Saturday's meet. He is the 28th GHS wrestler to reach the 100-win milestone.

Harvey, Jeremy Handrich, Don Starks, and Rosecrans were all one match away from being a Regional qualifier.

"I thought there was a chance we could get eight through, but it didn't happen. But I am real happy with the four," Coach Ferguson said. "They will be ready to make the trip to the Palace (for the State Finals) on March 6, 7, and 8."

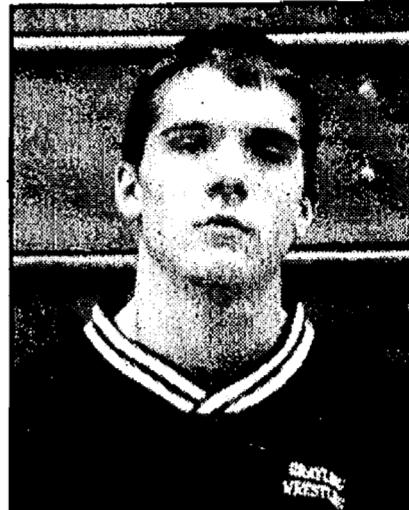
Individual Regionals will be held at Howard City on Saturday, February 22.



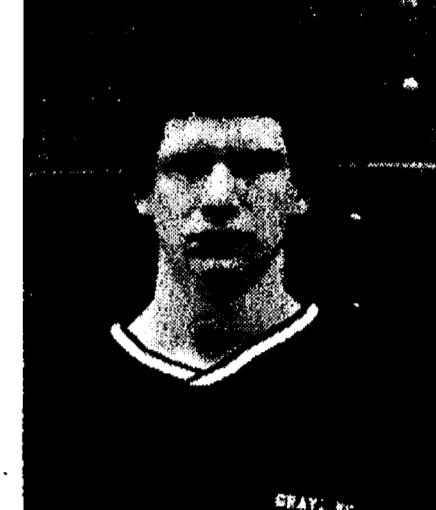
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## One Viking qualifies for State Ski Finals

► Trevor Clough places 10th in slalom event at Regionals

The Vikings of Grayling High School skied in Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 13 and advanced one skier into the State Finals.

Traverse City St. Francis (combined with other Christian schools in Traverse City) won both the boys and girls Regional Competition. Benzie Central and Maple City Glen Lake placed

2nd and 3rd in the boys competition. (The top three teams at Regionals advance to the State Finals.)

In the girls competition, Maple City Glen Lake and Manistee also qualified for State.

Grayling's boys team, led by Trevor Clough's 10th place finish, took 4th in the slalom event, but several falls in the soft snow in the giant slalom event dropped the team into 7th place overall.

Clough, a sophomore, qualified for the State Finals in slalom.

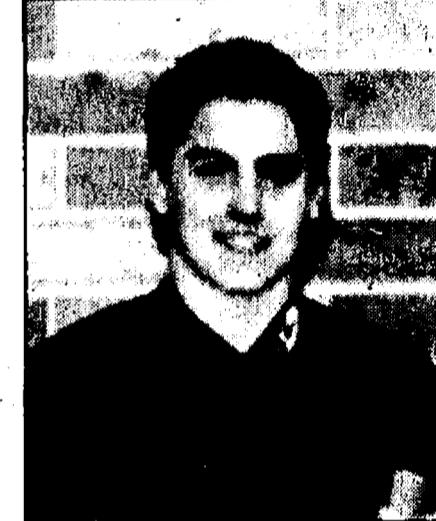
Top finishers for GHS were: Clough, 10th in slalom and 26th in giant slalom (GS); Jon Handy, 33rd and 20th; Jim Jansen, 25th

and 33rd; Eric Hunter, 22nd and 44th; Pat McInally, 31st and 60th; Adam Gilbert, 36th in slalom, DQ in giant slalom.

Grayling's girls team placed 6th overall. The Vikings were led by Andria Alvarez, who missed the State Finals in slalom by 16/100 of a second. She placed 12th in slalom and 17th in GS.

Heather Vandecar was 16th in slalom and 20th in GS. Jill Seager placed 41st and 35th, Mallory Olson placed 45th and 34th, Kassie McClain took 35th in slalom and disqualified in GS. Jessica Thomson disqualified in slalom and placed 51st in GS.

The Vikings will host the



Trevor Clough  
State Qualifier

Invitational on Thursday, February 20 at 3:30 p.m. at Hanson Hills.

## Freshman girls defeat Standish

► 9th grade volleyball squad wins best of five series vs. Panthers

The GHS freshman girls vol-

leyball team defeated the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central 3-1 in a best of five series at Grayling High School last Monday.

In a close game one, Standish won 16-14. Grayling then took the next three games 15-11, 15-7,

and 15-7 to win the series.

"This was a game we had looked forward to since we lost to them earlier in the season," Coach Amy Owen said. "The girls stepped up to the occasion and played the best game of their season. They passed, served, and hit well. It was definitely an impressive game."

Serving leaders for Grayling vs. SSC included: Michelle McGuire, 21 for 22, 16 points; Amanda Lutz, 19 for 20, 16 points; Chelsea Papendick, 10 for 10, 8 points; Samantha Wakeley, 8 for 9, 7 points.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost a best of three series at West Branch Ogemaw Heights 15-6, 15-11.

"This was a tough team," Coach Owen said. "Amanda Lutz had an exceptional first game. She hustled and served the best I've seen."

Serving leaders for Grayling were Papendick (11 for 11, 8 points) and Lutz (6 for 6, 3 points).

The Vikings finish their season this week with a meet at Tawas on Wednesday.

## WOMEN'S POOL LEAGUE

### Standings

Swamp	.....	160
Sawmill II	.....	147
Plaza	.....	138
American Legion	.....	134
Gray Rock	.....	129
Frederic Inn	.....	124
Sawmill I	.....	114
Spike's	.....	110
S Ball Runs:	Jill (Plaza), LaNette (Swamp), Alice (Legion), Rose (Swamp), Cookie (Legion).	
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# Big third quarter lifts Vikings

► Varsity boys basketball team defeats Spartans of Pinconning 79-55

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

After an up and down first half, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team put together a big third quarter surge to help the Vikings win a conference match vs. the visiting Pinconning Spartans on Friday.

The victory improved Grayling's North East Michigan Conference record to 7-3. The Vikings are third in the NEMC behind Tawas (7-2) and Bay City John Glenn (8-3), both of which won their league games last week.

On Friday, Grayling jumped out to an early 11-4 lead on the strength of 9-0 run that included three baskets by Roy Czapek and a triple by Adam Kaiser.

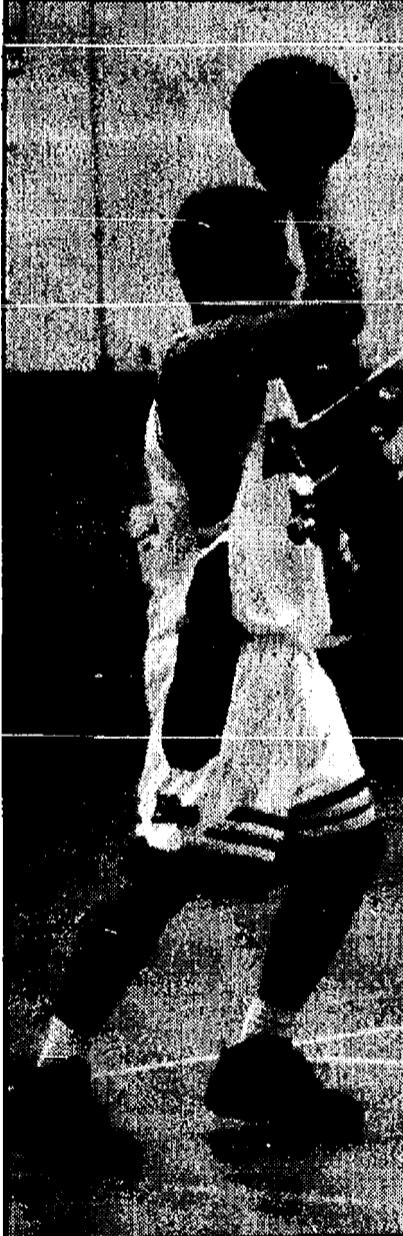
Pinconning then took a 13-11 lead with a 9-0 run of its own.

Two free throws by Gibson Tobin tied the game at 13-13 with 54 seconds remaining in the first quarter. A triple by Travis Helsel with 17 seconds left in the period put GHS up by three. Grayling got the ball back and got the ball to Helsel, who connected on another three-pointer just before the first quarter expired.

Grayling led 19-13 going into the second period.

The Vikings opened the second quarter with a triple by Kaiser. A jumper by Helsel and a drive by Kaiser put Grayling up by 11, 26-15. A shot inside and a three-point play by Pinconning pulled the Spartans within six, 26-20.

The Vikings edged Pinconning



Roger Alvarez looks to pass in the Pinconning game on Friday.

## NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Tawas	7-2	12-3
BC John Glenn	8-3	10-6
GRAYLING	7-3	10-6
Oscoda	5-5	10-6
Standish Sterling	4-6	6-10
Ogemaw Heights	3-7	4-11
Pinconning	1-9	3-14

NEMC standings compiled by  
*The Bay City Times*

10-8 the rest of the way to lead 36-28 at the half. Grayling scored its 10 points on a shot inside by Kaiser, put-backs by Helsel and Joe Lange, and two baskets by Czapek.

The Vikings exploded for 29 points in the third quarter while holding Pinconning to nine.

With a jumper by Helsel, a lay-up by Gibson Tobin, jumpers by Lange and Czapek, a drive by Tobin, a triple by Helsel, and a free throw by Tobin, the Vikings led 50-37 with 3:19 remaining in the third period.

Grayling then went on a devastating 15-0 run to end the quarter. The Vikings got a big spark from Tobin, who came up with several steals and converted on some tough drives to the basket during the run. Tobin accounted for 11 of the 15 points, scoring on three drives, two put-backs, a shot inside, and a free throw. The 15-0 run also included a put-back and two free throws by Lange.

Grayling led by 28, 65-37, going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings cruised to a 24-point victory, 79-55.

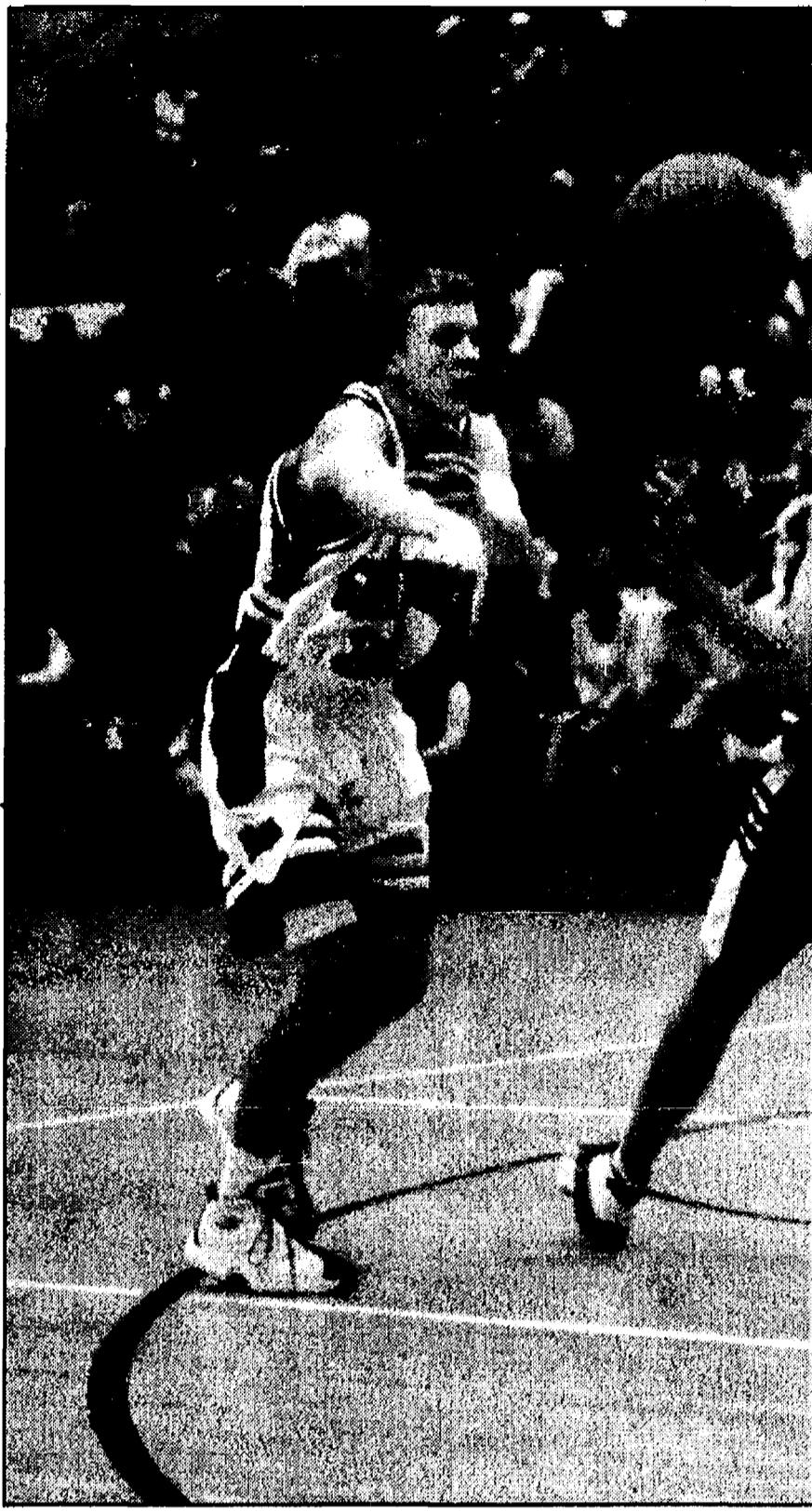
GHS scored 14 fourth quarter points on a put-back by Lange, a shot inside by Helsel, a jumper and a drive by Kaiser, a tip-in by Roger Alvarez on an in-bounds pass from Andy Strohpaul, a jump shot by Phil Armstrong, and free throws by Lange and Joe Zelek.

"I thought we took it up a couple of notches defensively in the third quarter," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We had over 20 defensive deflections in the quarter and we were very active."

"Offensively and defensively, we played as a team. Our guys passed the ball very well in transition and they looked to create shots for each other. This is a huge improvement from where we were a couple of weeks ago," Coach Moffit said. "Defensively, our help was good. Our big guys covered for our little guys and vice versa."

"We need to continue to improve. We have a big week of basketball coming up and we need to improve each day," Moffit said.

Tobin was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. He also had 14 assists and 11 steals for a triple-double. Helsel finished with 17 points, Kaiser scored 16, Czapek had 12, and



Phil Armstrong passes off to a teammate in last week's game against Pinconning.

Lange added 11. Lange had six blocks and nine rebounds.

On defense, the Vikings finished with 66 deflections.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a non-conference battle at Gladwin 78-62.

The game was tied at halftime, 35-35. The Vikings edged Gladwin 17-15 in the third quarter, then pulled away with a 26-14 fourth period.

"We played very well down the stretch," said Coach Moffit. "We scored some easy baskets in transition and our defensive intensity went up a notch in the

fourth quarter."

Kaiser led the scoring attack for Grayling with 17 points. Helsel and Tobin each scored 14 and Strohpaul had 10. Czapek, Greg Morrill, Lange, Alvarez, Chad Helsel, and Armstrong also scored for Grayling in the match.

Lange led the squad in rebounding with nine boards. Tobin had seven assists. On defense, Kaiser had four steals.

The Vikings will play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, February 21. On Tuesday, February 25, the team will play at Roscommon.

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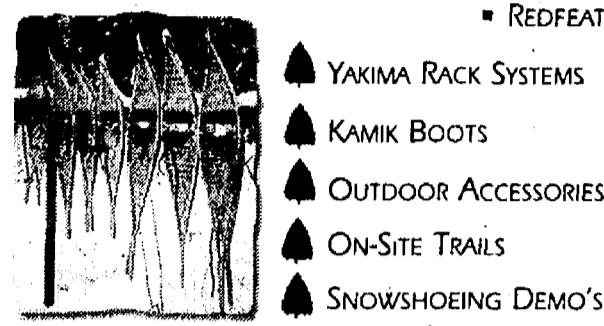
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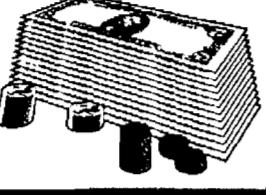
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# Winter Fun Days



Photo by Caleb Casey  
Jon Handy jumps in the Big Air (Ski) Competition at Winter Fun Days.

**Results of the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition and Slalom Races:**

**Big Air (Snowboard)**

**Girls**

1st Laura Brackenbury

**Boys (9-10)**

1st Daniel Bertalan

2nd Brady Coe

**Boys (11)**

1st Eric Ferrigan

2nd Brad Bertalan

**Boys (12)**

1st Mike Davis

2nd David Lawe

**Boys (13)**

1st Dougie Slater

2nd Jason Wilson

3rd Billy Weaver

4th Justin Sheldon

5th Chris Dudzinski

**Boys (17+)**

1st Erik Olson

2nd Nick McNamar

**Slalom (Snowboard)**

**5th-6th grade**

1st Laura Brackenbury

2nd Mikey Davis

3rd Brady Coe

4th David Lawe

**11th grade**

1st Brandon Burrick

**Slalom (Ski)**

**2nd-4th grade**

1st Alex Sjoman

2nd Sarah Robinson

3rd Jo Hamlin

4th Ann Hamlin

**5th-8th grade**

1st Jason Wilson

2nd Cassie Pizzi

3rd Colin Hamlin

**9th grade**

1st Dustin Pizzi



Photos courtesy of Grayling Recreation Authority  
Gabby Calkins (front) and Rachel Ward display the trophies they won in the Winter Fun Days Big Air (Ski) Competition.

## 9th grade team loses at Standish

► Vikings fall to 9-3 with 62-57 loss at Standish Sterling Central

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team fell to 9-3 with a 62-57 loss at Standish Sterling Central last Monday.

Eli VanNuck and Ryan Feldhauser led Grayling's scoring attack with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Both players had four steals on defense. Zac Baker

came up just short of a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds.

"We really played a great defensive game the first half," Coach Joe Mau said. "We just lost our defensive intensity the second half. We will continue to work hard, focus on our defense in practice, and prepare for Gaylord."

"Ryan Feldhauser had a great game, both offensively and defensively — perhaps his best defensive performance of the year," Coach Mau said.

## HL to host soccer clinic for high school girls

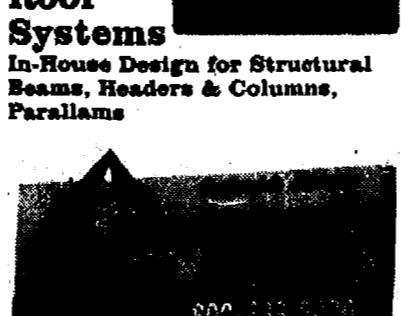
Houghton Lake's American Youth Soccer Organization program is sponsoring a pre-season soccer clinic for area female high school student athletes. The clinic — to be conducted by Lynsey Heathcote, Major League Soccer Camps Regional Manager — will be held at the Houghton Lake High School gym on February 22-23.

The clinic is scheduled by age group, with Saturday, February 22, for 9th and 10th graders and

The Vikings will play at Roscommon on Tuesday, February 25, at 4:30 p.m.

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## Device may increase gas mileage by 22%

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage by 22% while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

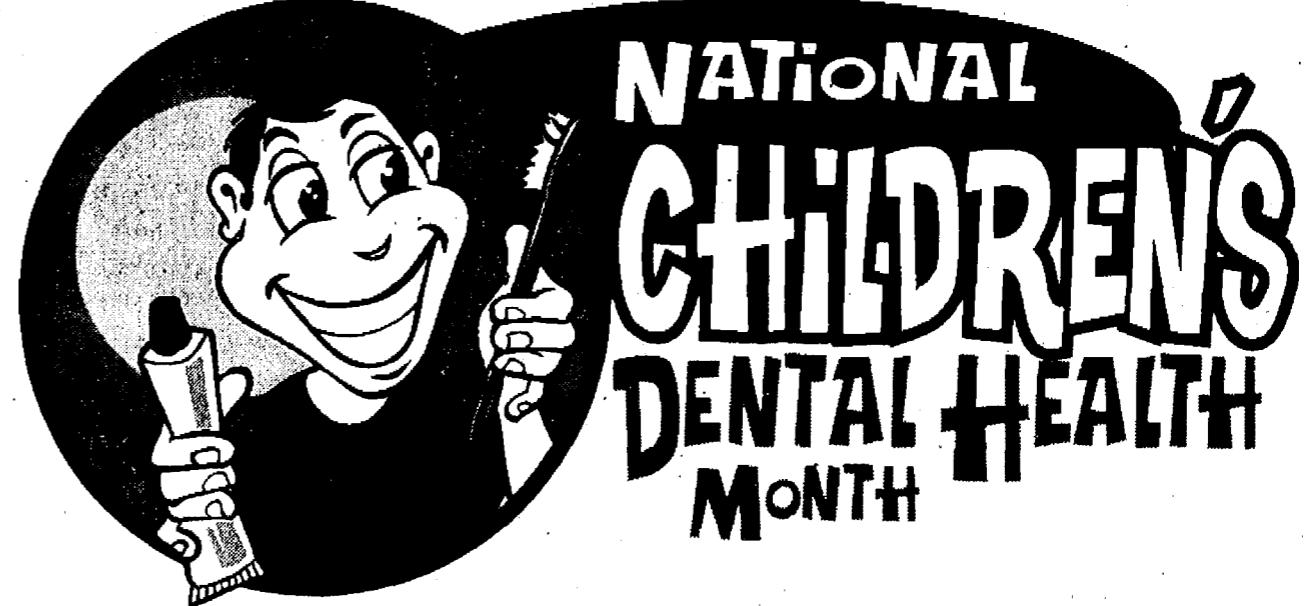
Since platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn, the Gas Saver's platinum increases the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

After a five year study, the government concluded:

"Independent testing shows

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## FEBRUARY IS...



## BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY

### THE LEADING CAUSE OF CHILDREN'S TOOTH LOSS~

Baby bottle tooth decay (BBTD), a serious dental condition that strikes children between the ages of one and four, is the subject of a new public awareness. When left unchecked, BBTD leads to serious conditions that affect children's later dental health, eating habits and growth.

BBTD is caused by prolonged exposure to fluids such as milk, formula and juice, especially when used in a bedtime or naptime bottle. Sugary fluids pool around children's teeth and become a breeding ground for bacteria. Acid produced by bacteria attacks tooth enamel and causes decay after repeated attacks. Long time exposure leads to severe toothaches, abscessed teeth or tooth loss.

#### Important advice for preventing BBTD

- Parents should begin offering fluids in a cup to children at age six months and have babies off bottles at the age of one year.
- Avoid using a bottle to help children fall asleep or fill it with water rather than sugary liquids.
- Clean the baby's gum and tooth area with a soft washcloth at least once a day after the appearance of the first tooth.
- Parents should also check baby's mouth once a month for any early signs of tooth decay, such as white streaks on the upper four front teeth near the gum line.
- A child's first dental appointment should be scheduled around the time of the second birthday or sooner if parents notice problems.

Baby, or primary, teeth are very important. Children need healthy teeth for chewing, speaking clearly, developing self-esteem and spacing for their permanent teeth. With a little effort parents can ensure their child will have a happy, healthy smile.

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Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . . 45 - 18	Hometown Furniture . . . . 14.5 - 17.5
D.X.R. Computers . . . . 38 - 25	Corky's Karaoke . . . . 13 - 19
Spark's . . . . 35 - 28	Calkin's Excavating . . . . 8.5 - 23.5
Little Tyke Day Care . . . . 34 - 29	High Series: S. Romain, 589; D.
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . 33 - 30	Roman, 515; D. Harris, 479.
North Pure Ice . . . . 29 - 34	High Series: S. Romain, 218; D.
Calkin's Excavating . . . . 20 - 43	Roman, 193; T. Day, 186.
Shady Acres . . . . 18 - 45	<b>Friday Mixed Doubles</b>
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 626; B. Nielson, 599; D. Yanniello, 536.	American Legion . . . . 29 - 11
High Game Men: B. Nielson, 221; J. Helsel, 218; C. Vandertuig, 204.	Northern Cafe . . . . 24 - 16
High Series Women: S. Romain, 597; C. Yanniello, 568; M. Miller, 519.	Double Trouble . . . . 22 - 18
High Game Women: S. Romain, 235; C. Yanniello, 211; M. Miller, 194.	Charlies Country Corner 19 - 21
	Ken's Tire & Auto . . . . 19 - 21
	Moshier Auto Repair . . . . 18 - 22
	Fick & Sons . . . . 15 - 25
	Piehl's Sawmill . . . . 13 - 27
	High Series Men: C. Hanson, 592; B. Trudeau, 565; P. Lewis, 565; D. Wallace, 557.
	High Game Men: C. Hanson, 220; D. Wallace, 212; P. Lewis, 212; B. Trudeau, 203.
	High Series Women: S. Johnson, 564; M. Moshier, 526; S. France, 498.
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200312634

Team S

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mort-**

**gage made by Jeffrey F. Knirk and Vickie L. Knirk, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagor, dated May 17, 2001, and recorded on July 20, 2001 in Liber 0542 on Page 575 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagor to the Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated May 17, 2001, which was recorded on August 8, 2002, in Liber 591 on Page 380, Crawford County**

**REDEMPTION PERIOD - The re-**

**demption period shall be 6 month(s)**

**from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 4-C: Being a part of the NW 1/4 section 33, T27N, R3W and described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence S00°58'00"W along the 1/4 line 727.45 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Jones Lake Road;

thence along said right of way line (next 3 courses) S53°45'00"W 201.5 feet; thence

S58°10'00"W 689.55 feet; thence

S52°03'00"W 676.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S36°47'22"E (recorded as S36°49'00"E) 272.07 feet; thence

N36°38'44"W 400.71 feet; thence

N52°03'00"E, along the Southerly right

of way of Jones Lake Road 400.00 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a

66-foot wide easement for ingress and

egress and installation and maintenance

of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the

Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122,

Page 473; Crawford County Records.

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagor, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002  
Patrick Timothy Reid, II  
REID AND REID  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Business & Trade Center  
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400  
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384  
Telephone: (517) 487-6566  
-06-13-20-07-06

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paula L. Bergbreiter and Danny C. Bergbreiter husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Union National Bank of Delaware, a National Banking Association, Mortgage, dated January 5, 2001, and recorded on February 1, 2001 in Liber 527 on Page 570 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lender, its successors and assigns, as assignee by an assignment dated June 2, 2002, which was recorded on August 2, 2002, in Liber 590 on Page 496 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight and 81/100 dollars (\$66,288.81), including interest at 11.800% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner post of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West; thence North on the Section Line 1330.8 Feet to the 1/8 Post For A Place of Beginning; Thence East 300 Feet; Thence South 75 feet; Thence West 300 Feet; Thence North 75 Feet to the Place of Beginning, Less Highway Right-of-Way. Being a Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team G (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311266

Team G

-20-27-06-13

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in

equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m., o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.

Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.

755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48084

WWR# 02694431

Property to be posted:

302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

### USDA-FOREST SERVICE Huron-Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Thrasher Project. The Responsible official is leaning toward Alternative 2 which includes the following actions: Create Kirtland's warbler breeding habitat by clearcutting approximately 248 acres of jack pine; Construct approximately 1.0 mile of temporary roads to remove forest products; Reforest the clearcut areas to jack pine (approximately 242 acres) where natural regeneration does not occur. Approximately three acres of the clearcut areas would be left unplanted for hunting sites; Harvest approximately 11 acres of jack pine to establish fuel breaks adjacent to private property; Close approximately 0.3 miles of two-track road (Forest Road 3108) not needed for public transportation or management purposes; Install a wooden 'Huron National Forest' portal sign and a temporary informational sign along Chase Bridge Road. This alternative is preferred because it provides breeding habitat for the Kirtland's warbler, while minimizing impact to visual quality. The 30-day comment period provides the final opportunity for public review of these proposed actions and the environmental analysis. Comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a final decision. Your comments will be considered by District Ranger, Michael J. Weber in reaching a final decision. Mr. Weber may be reached at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 826-3252. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. Please send comments to District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647. Copies of the Decision Notice will be sent to people who submit comments or who request copies during or before the comment period.

### South Branch Township

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS.

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2003/04 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on March 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting March 11, 2003 after regular meeting.

#### The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended; MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Laura Smith, Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, PO Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-8232.

#### Notice South Branch Township

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.
2. Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 8, 2003	May 13, 2003	June 10, 2003
July 8, 2003	August 12, 2003	September 9, 2003
October 14, 2003	November 11, 2003	December 9, 2003
January 13, 2004	February 10, 2004	March 9, 2004

**Annual Meeting: March 11, 2003**

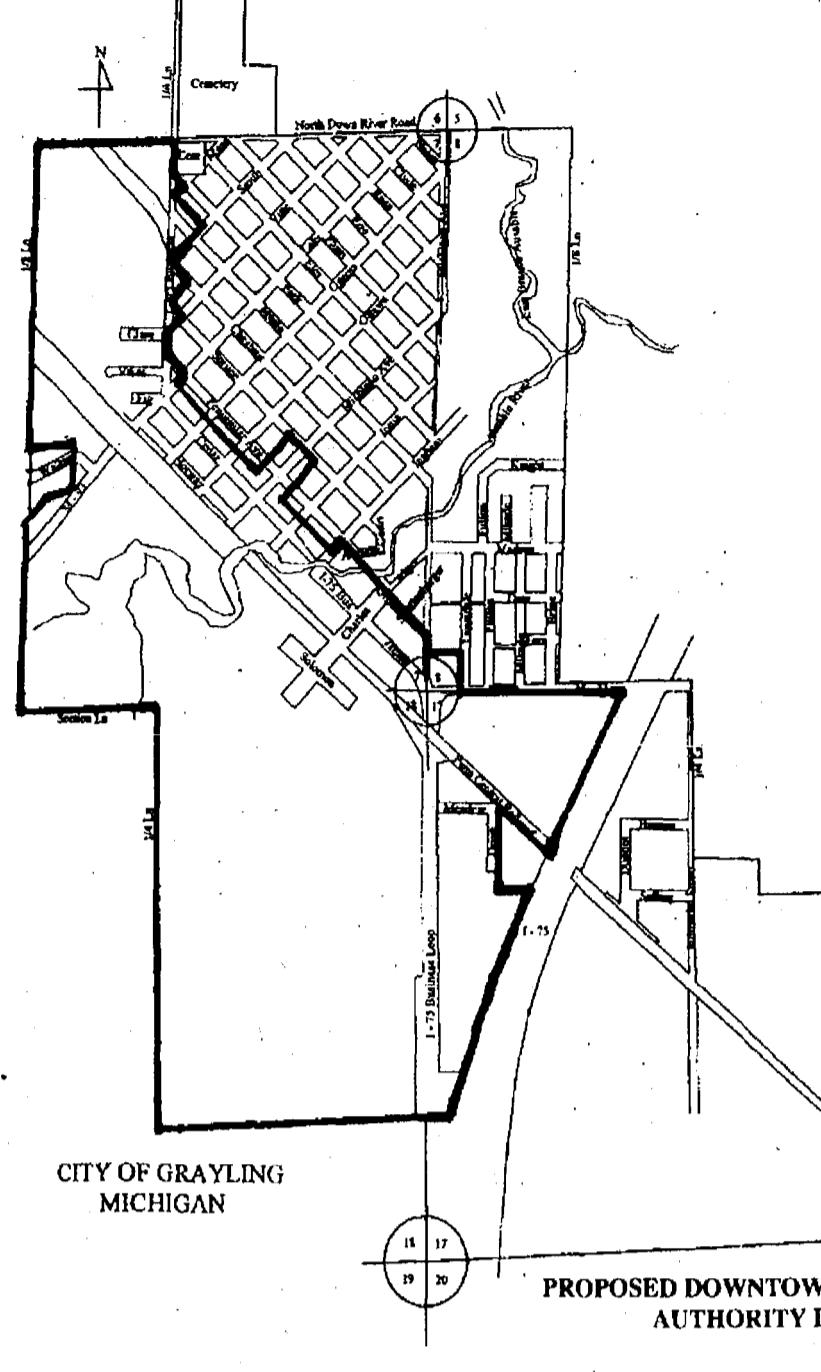
A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2003/04 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2003 are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

\*South Branch Township will be taking applications for all job openings that might occur. Please feel free to call the office at (989) 275-8232 and ask for Laura and/or Dee.\*\*

### CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grayling will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at The Grayling Elementary School, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to consider the adoption of an Ordinance establishing a Downtown Development Authority for the City of Grayling pursuant to Act 197 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1975, as amended. All city residents are invited to attend this meeting.

The proposed boundaries of the downtown district in which the Downtown Development Authority will exercise its powers are generally described as follows and shown on the map below:



Downtown Development Authority Boundary Description  
City of Grayling, Michigan

The properties described below shall constitute the Grayling Downtown Development Authority District:

#### Parcel A:

The portion of Section 17, T26N, R3W lying Northwest of the Western Right of Way line of Interstate 75 Highway except:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W, thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes west along the section line 692.75 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes, East 130 feet; thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes West 423.25 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 499.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes West 113.59 feet; thence South 45 degrees 49 minutes East along the Right of Way of PCRR 767.6 feet; thence South 27 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West along the Western Right of Way of I-75 240 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 397.96 feet; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes East 620.52 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 66.0 feet to Point of Beginning; and excepting

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W; thence 0 degree 51 minutes 10 seconds West 1182 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 629.5 feet; thence South 1 degree 53 minutes 54 seconds West 554.42 feet to Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 463.72 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 329.28 feet; thence North 82 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West 225.04 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 118.74 feet; thence North 1 degree 47 minutes 28 seconds East 200.69 feet to Point of Beginning; and excepting

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W; thence South 0 degree 51 minutes 10 seconds West 1182 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 629.5 feet; thence South 1 degree 53 minutes 54 seconds West 554.42 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 463.72 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 329.28 feet to Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 275 feet; thence North 88 degrees 6 minutes 59 seconds West 203.28 feet; thence North 1 degree 47 minutes 28 seconds East 345 feet; thence South 88 degrees 7 minutes East 118.74 feet; thence South 62 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds East 225.04 feet to Point of Beginning.

Parcel B:

The East of Section 18, T26N, R3W lying North of the South 1/8th line of said section.

#### Parcel C:

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W lying between the West 1/8th line and South of the Northern Right of Way line of the Lake State Railroad.

#### Parcel D:

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W, lying West of the Eastern Right of Way line of Business Loop I-75 and North of the Southern Right of Way line of M-72 highway; and

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W, beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 7, T26N, R3W, thence North to the intersection of the Centerline of Oliver Street; thence Northerly along said Centerline to the North line of the AuSable River; thence Westerly along said North line of the AuSable River to the North Right of Way line of the Lake States Railroad; thence Southerly along said Lake States Railroad Right of Way line to the South line of Section 7, T26N, R8W; thence East to the Point of Beginning; and

That part of the Original Plat of the City of Grayling located south of the Centerline of Peninsular Avenue extended to the North line of the AuSable River and north of the North Right of Way of the Lake State Railroad, and south of Lake Street, except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block 3, and except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block 14, and except lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 15, and except lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 16, and except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Block 18; and

That portion of lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 11, and lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Block 20 and the adjacent portion of Spruce Street, in the Original Plat of the City of Grayling; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling lying northwest of lots 6 and 7, Block 27; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling known as lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 27 and all of Block 31 of the City of Grayling; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling known as lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 32 of the city of Grayling; and

Parcel C and Block 10 of the original plat of the City of Grayling.

#### Parcel E:

That part of Section 8, T26N, R3W known as Lot

# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the  
27th day of January  
2003

### Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Palmer, Moshier

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Terry McGregor, Lynne McConnell, Caleb Casey, Dale Overmyer, Tammy Overmyer, Skip Madsen, Gail Madsen, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Bill Gannon, Tim Zigila, Tom Wellman, Steve Langseth

III. Public Hearing.

None.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

A. MaryAnn Ferrigan's Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission.

## CITY OF GRAYLING PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing concerning a variance request from Tom Kirk of Superior Finishers to build a 30'x40' pole barn as close as possible to the right of way at 1144 I-75 Business Loop (20-070-007-005-004-00).

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case(s) at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Michele Moshier, City Clerk

### A. DDA Map 03-24

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to increase the size of the proposed DDA district to include the South Business Loop south to the City Limits, "Golf Course" Property, "Court House" Property, the old "Bear Archery" Property and excluding the area on Michigan Avenue from Peninsular to Spruce and the lots fronting on Peninsular. Roll Call Vote: Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, Moshier: Nay, motion carried.

### B. D&K Investments 03-25

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to approve the City of Grayling Council Resolution, re: "Grayling Reel" Property. Roll Call Vote: Wyman: Aye, Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, Moshier, Aye, Palmer: Aye, motion carried.

C. Transportation Committee has been asked to take the proposed changes to the Downtown Ordinance to the area merchants for their input. Once the Draft is complete the Council will be ready for public hearing.

D. The City has received proposals from 8 Engineers and have narrowed it down to 4 firms. The committee will proceed to the interview process next week.

E. Hayes offered a proposed policy for meeting sewer only accounts. The subject will be brought back at the next meeting.

### F. Fund Request Form. 03-26

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to accept the Fund Request Form as amended, adding a place for the date completed on the form. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

G. Steve Langseth presented an update on the Industrial Park Infrastructure Plan.

### VII. New Business.

A. Steve Langseth will meet with Tom Wellman regarding the ice rink. Steve will have a proposed plan for the land behind the New City Hall.

B. Mayer Wyman will try to have a recommendation for the next meeting for a replacement on the Planning Commission.

C. Mercy Hospital is looking for someone to be part of a Focus Group on February 7, 2003 at 8:00 A.M. for approximately 1 hour.

### D. Budget Schedule. 03-27

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to approved the Proposed Budget Adoption Schedule. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

E. City Manager, Allen Lowe will continue to try to get through to Ron Adams regarding the MDOT Right of Way.

F. Dale Overmyer would like to purchase the "Grayling Reel" Pole Building to put in a Body Shop.

### 03-28

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer to give Dale Overmyer the first right of refusal on the "Grayling Reel" pole building. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

### VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

None.

### IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

#### ZBA:

•None.

#### Planning Commission:

•Didn't have a quorum to have a meeting.

#### Parks Committee:

•Moshier was absent from the meeting and there was nobody else from the Committee present to give a report.

#### X. Reports from Manager & Council Members.

#### Manager Report:

•Allen will be gone Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to a Manager's Conference in Ypsilanti.

•Working on Recreation Plan  
•MML Legislative Conference  
•Council Member Reports:

Wyman wanted to know if we have heard anything back from Don Bowers at Century 21, regarding the parking lot at Shoppenagons. Allen said we have not.

•Wyman would like to have a letter of appreciation sent to MaryAnn Ferrigan for her time served on the Planning Commission.

### 03-29

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to pay Tom Wellman mileage for use of his personal vehicle on the ice rink.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

### XI. Adjournment

### 03-30

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

### MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003

For information, please call:  
Team D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312104  
Team D

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200311289  
Team X

-30-06-13-20

## NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2003 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.32	1.2400
Commercial	39.46	1.2671
Industrial	46.77	1.0691
Residential	45.03	1.1103
Lee Riley Supervisor		

### CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2003

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
<b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2003</b>				
101 Agricultural	274,500	340,418	40.32	1.2401
201 Commercial	2,687,000	3,404,714	39.46	1.2671
301 Industrial	13,562,300	13,562,300	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	40,446,800	44,913,169	45.03	1.1104
<b>TOTAL REAL</b>	<b>56,972,600</b>	<b>62,220,601</b>		
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>	<b>20,529,300</b>	<b>20,723,082</b>	<b>49.45</b>	<b>1.0111</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>77,501,900</b>	<b>82,943,683</b>		
<b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2003</b>				
101 Agricultural	3,477,400	3,478,096	49.99	1.0002
201 Commercial	1,815,600	2,033,147	44.65	1.1198
301 Industrial	327,800	408,321	40.14	1.2456
401 Residential	44,942,300	49,052,936	45.81	1.0915
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,894,800	2,332,349	40.62	1.2309
<b>TOTAL REAL</b>	<b>52,457,900</b>	<b>57,304,849</b>		
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>	<b>6,969,800</b>	<b>6,969,837</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>1.0000</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>59,427,700</b>	<b>64,274,686</b>		
<b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2003</b>				
101 Agricultural	1,903,900	2,369,803	40.17	1.2447
201 Commercial	8,204,800	9,459,073	43.37	1.1529
301 Industrial	22,003,800	24,467,439	44.97	1.1119
401 Residential	161,430,90			

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**February 21, 1980**

The community effort to raise funds to purchase a much-needed new county ambulance reached its goal Saturday when the benefit basketball game netted over \$2,000 pushing contributions over the \$35,000 mark.

A group of Grayling High band students participated in the District II Solo and Ensemble festival held in Gaylord. These students include Sue Weeber, Gerry Johnson, Shawna Watters, Sue Prause, Marian Matyn, Jay Schrader, George Morse and Jim Kitch.

Forty-eight of Michigan's 83 counties recorded more than 80 inches of snow during the 1978-79 winter, qualifying them for snow-removal assistance.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, Crawford County with 98 inches of snowfall qualified for a \$18,300 payment.

The top five counties in snowfall measurement were: Keweenaw, 374 inches, Houghton, 278 inches, Baraga, 219 inches, Alger 214 inches and Ontonagon, 209 inches.

Six "canoeists" battled it out in the finals last Sunday in the downhill canoe classic held at Hanson Hills. Skimming across the finish line into a first place

finish were Mark and Bill Milliken. Second place team is Jeff and dad Jack Harney and third place is Marty VanDeVen and Arnold Bader.

Eight of thirteen Viking wrestlers who competed in the District Tournament have qualified to advance to Regionals. These wrestlers include Tim Jones, Burt Partello, Jerry Lucksted, Tim Jensen, John Solomonson, Dave Pettit, Tim Ferrigan and Terry Lucksted.

Viking center Mike Chrisman stepped to the free throw line Friday night with just 14 seconds left in the game and calmly dropped in two clutch free throws that proved to be the margin of victory over the St. Ignace Saints. The win keeps the Vikes hopes alive for the league title.

The 1980 financial picture for Crawford County brightened significantly last week when commissioners were informed by Treasurer Joe Wakeley that his office had received a Swamp Tax revenue check for \$62,198.

### 46 Years Ago

**February 21, 1957**

The Frederic High Eagles battled back in the second half last Tuesday to post their sixteenth straight basketball victory of the season without a defeat. This is the longest winning streak of any

cage team in the state regardless of class. Team members include John Mertes, Lewis Johnson, Bruce Welch, Wayne Winston, Bob Pratt, Larry Bayham, Alfie Hummel, Bill Johnson and Paul Rolfe.

The District Health Department will hold a polio vaccine clinic on Monday. Shots will be administered by Dr. Paul Dosch.

National Guard, M/Sgt. Claude T. Halstead Jr., of Grayling, was called to active duty February 4 to attend a two-week course at the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

The winter sports picture in and around Grayling was still a big one this past weekend.

Skiing was reported "excellent" at all areas as a soft, fine fall of new snow covered the ground. Skating and tobogganing was also very good at the Grayling Park.

Arthur J. Wakeley of Wakeley's Corner Store, was awarded a plaque by the Standard Oil Company last week in appreciation of 26 years of continuous association with the company.

The Vikings continued their hold on second place in the Northern Class C Conference as they downed a fighting band of Charlevoix Red Rayders Friday night.

### 69 Years Ago

**February 22, 1934**

Ted Wheeler is assisting Gordon Pond with delivering for the Niederer Coal Company

while Mr. Niederer is busy on his ice cutting job.

Roscommon's rangy scrappy basketball team edged out a 25-24 verdict over Grayling that wasn't decided until the last possible tick of the stop-watch. The Grayling reserves got a 11-6 decision to give Grayling a more or less even break for the evening.

There will be a mass meeting at the clubrooms over the Hanson Hardware Wednesday night to discuss the contemplated Homecoming. Everyone should be there to express an opinion.

Wilhelm Raae returned to Grayling last Saturday from Portland, Oregon where he had been since last summer in the interest of a lumber company.

The Danish church, which was damaged by fire several weeks ago, will be ready for use next Sunday.

Reappointments of three state Conservation Commission members received senate confirmation February 13.

Reappointed from Grayling was George A. Griffith.

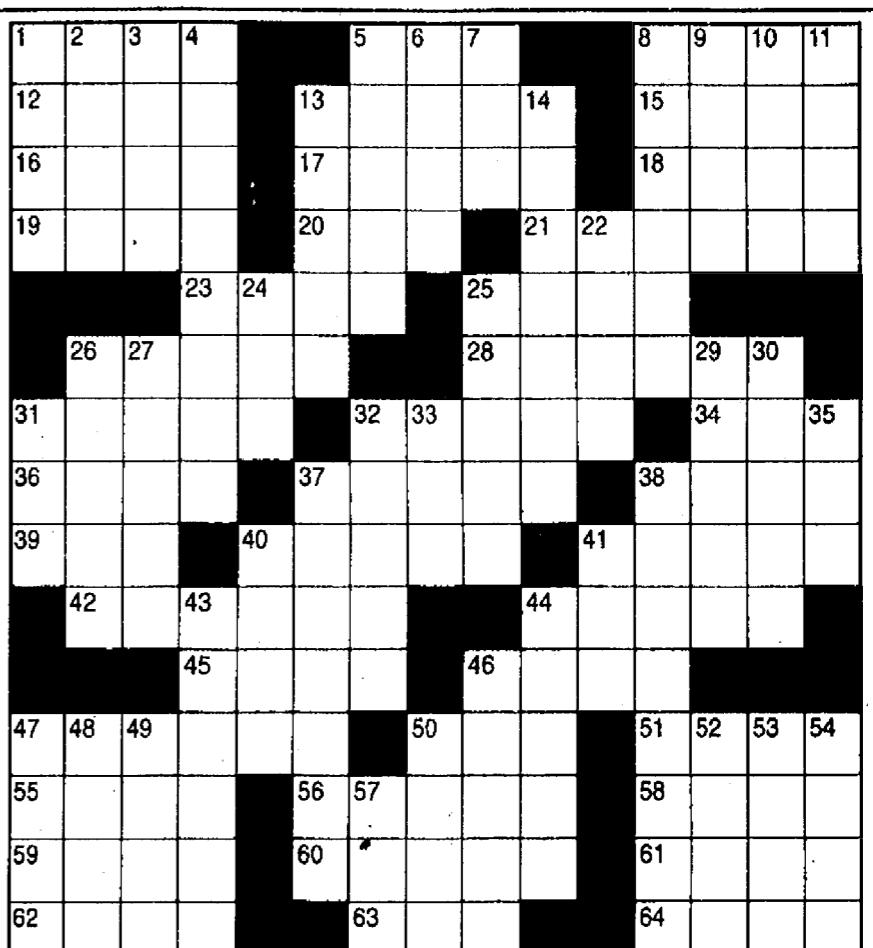
Movies showing this week include "The Best Things in Life are Free" with Brandon McRae and Sheree North and "The Hot Shots" starring the Bowery Boys.

### 92 Years Ago

**February 23, 1911**

Frederic Flashes: Jake Berlin made his last visit here Monday in the interest of the dry goods.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Grassy place
- 4. Drink thirstily
- 5. Luggage identifier
- 8. Ralph Lauren's line
- 12. As to
- 13. "Spicy" musical style
- 15. Estrada of CHIPS
- 16. Twist
- 17. \_\_\_ Grace (Atwood novel)
- 18. Eye maliciously
- 19. Cinematographers' swings
- 20. Golf ball's launching pad
- 21. "Little Miss Muffet" ... (3 wds.)
- 23. Pointers
- 25. Golden, for one
- 26. Actress Joey Lauren
- 28. Deteriorates
- 31. Sparkling
- 32. Fracas
- 34. Sty denizen
- 36. Like \_\_\_ out of hell (2 wds.)
- 37. Spanish melodies
- 38. Laos's locale
- 39. First name in Wolfmen
- 40. Award funds
- 41. Sample bottles
- 42. Candidate's promise
- 44. Magdalene and Poppins
- 45. Kirghiz range
- 46. Drink thirstily
- 47. Weather word
- 50. Saucepan
- 51. The \_\_\_ of the White Worm (1988 film)
- 55. Sound like a chained-up dog
- 56. Turn inside out
- 58. Lhasa \_\_\_
- 59. "\_\_\_ Along Without You Very Well"
- 60. Loves a lot
- 61. One of the Bush sons
- 62. About half a jigger
- 63. Commanded
- 64. Celtic language
- 11. Gumbo ingredient
- 13. Gluts
- 14. Guarantees
- 22. African plant
- 24. Diamond judge
- 25. Rent again
- 26. Trellis
- 27. Newswoman Sawyer
- 29. Bar exam component
- 30. Stains
- 31. Baseball's Ripken
- 32. Little Havana's locale
- 33. Sea Eagle
- 35. "There \_\_\_ an old woman..."
- 37. Systemized
- 38. 1980 disaster-film spoof
- 40. Midas's obsession
- 41. Kilmer of The Saint
- 43. Imperfect
- 44. Mongrels
- 46. Overcharged
- 47. Semiconductor
- 48. Peacock, for NBC
- 49. Supreme Court Justice Roberts
- 50. Folk singer Seeger
- 52. Mimicker
- 53. Horus's mother
- 54. Cattle call prize
- 57. \_\_\_-au-Vent

### DOWN

- 1. Speech impediment
- 2. "Diana" singer Paul
- 3. Drab looking songbird
- 4. Jennings's report
- 5. Allegories
- 6. "I cannot tell \_\_\_" (2 wds.)
- 7. Org. that is Juliette Low's legacy
- 8. Attacked with stones
- 9. Sandwich cookie brand
- 10. Property attachment

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Adopt a Pet



This staffordshire terrier/german shepherd puppy is about 6 months old. He is very sweet. He is the last of his litter at the animal shelter and would love to be taken home and loved as his brothers and sisters have been. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**

**Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am**  
**After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117**

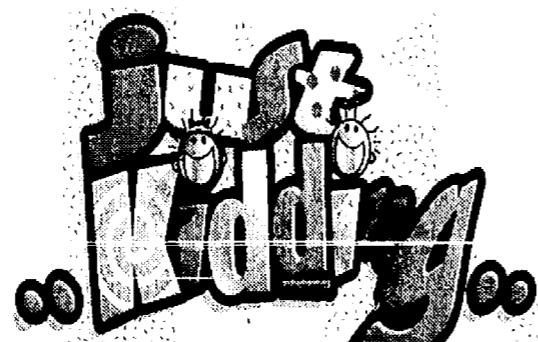
## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Cocoa Peanut Butter Oatmeal Cup Cookies

1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar  
1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, softened  
3/4 cup peanut butter  
2 eggs  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
2 cups Quaker oats  
(quick or old fashioned, uncooked)  
35 miniature peanut butter cup candies, unwrapped, halved  
Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat

sugar, butter and peanut butter with electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. In medium bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; mix well. Add to peanut butter mixture; mix well. Stir in oats and candy. Drop dough by level 1/4 cupfuls 3 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or just until cookies are slightly firm to the touch. (Do not over-bake.) Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Transfer to cooling racks. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

## MAZE

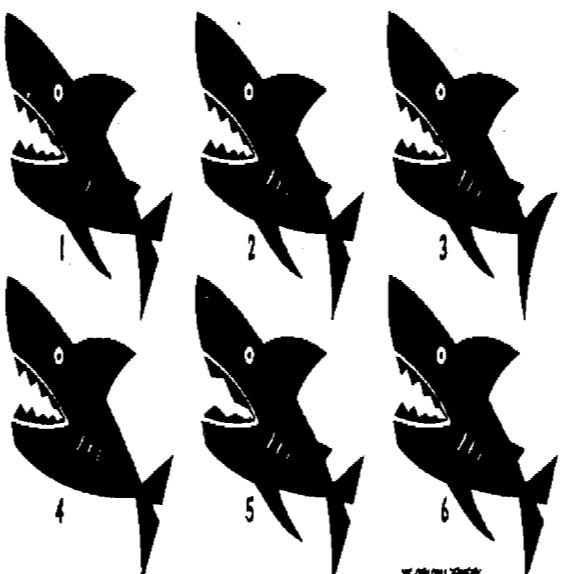


### DID YOU KNOW

Homing pigeons carried messages for the ancient Egyptians and Persians more than 3,000 years ago.

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



**December 22 - January 19**



Sales, sales and more sales. Everywhere you look you see a sale. It may be time to pep up your wardrobe or pick up something you've been longing for.



It's a good time to travel. Before you leave, clear up any lingering matters at work and home. Don't forget to pick up some souvenirs.



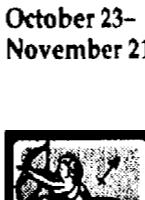
You have received mixed messages at work. Schedule a meeting with all parties involved to determine exactly what you need to do. Then get busy!



A friend who is in a romantic quandary asks for your advice. Be careful what you say. You don't want to steer them in the wrong direction.



A family member makes a special announcement. Join in the celebration! An error has been made on an account. Clear up the matter quickly.



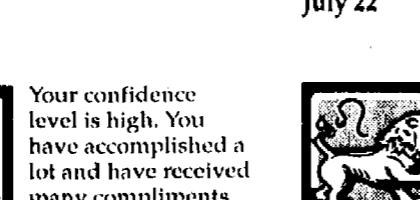
An old friend has made a remarkable discovery. Congratulate them and share in their excitement. Pay attention to your finances; your spending may be getting out of hand.



The push is on to reinvent yourself. Take some classes, try a new hobby or volunteer for a cause. Invest your time in something that will add a new dimension to your personality.



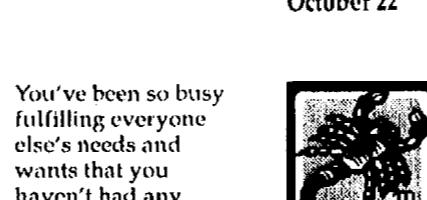
You are more of an inspiration than you think. Take a good look at yourself and recognize your skills and strengths. You have many...no wonder you inspire others.



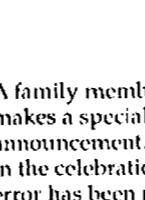
Your confidence level is high. You have accomplished a lot and have received many compliments. Keep up the good work.



You've been so busy fulfilling everyone else's needs and wants that you haven't had any time to yourself. Learn to say no and put yourself first for a change.



A little disagreement results in a lot of tension at the office. Keep a low profile and focus on your work, not on what others say.



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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/12	14	-4	2.5
2/13	14	-10	
2/14	11	-11	1
2/15	18	-14	
2/16	10	-18	
2/17	21	-12	
2/18	34	-12	

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	
High 27	High 32	High 30	High 19	High 9	High 11	
Low 27	Low 30	Low 29	Low 19	Low 11	Low 11	
13	19	4	-9	-7	6	
AM Clouds/PM Sun	Mostly Cloudy	Wintery Mix	Snow/Wind	Mostly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	



**3 BEDROOM MOBILE, 1 1/2 BATH** Private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$450 month plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 (-20-27-6/2)

### Employment

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** Fast paced medical office seeks both a FT and PT Medical Assistant. Interested parties please send resume, P.O. Box 2219, Gaylord, MI 49734. (-20-27/3)

### 2. For Rent

## FOR RENT

**Grayling Housing Commission**  
Base Rent is based on 30% of  
Adjusted Income

Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom .... \$400.00  
Two Bedroom .... \$350.00  
Three Bedroom .... \$375.00  
Four Bedroom .... \$400.00

Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive

Telephone: 989-348-9314



**Cobble Creek I & II Apartments**, a family community, is now accepting applications for our spacious, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments and barrier free units. Rent is based on income. For additional information or application please call 989-348-3150 or for hearing impaired call 1 (800) 760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity. Lansing Management Company.

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**NURSING INSTRUCTOR** Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time OB clinical nursing instructor for the summer, 2003 semester (May 14-July 2). Must have a Bachelor's degree in nursing, a minimum of two years work related nursing experience in an OB setting, and a current nursing license. Submit letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-20/3)

**DRIVERS NEEDED** Regional courier company is currently seeking independent contractors in cars, minivans and cargo vans to make deliveries in the Northern Michigan area. Please call (888) 336-7205 for an appointment. (-20-27-6-13/3)

**MERCY AMICARE HOME-CARE & HOSPICE** is looking for an RN who is willing to work contingently for the Hospice service. This person will work in the office and/or some occasional field work. Computer or laptop experience a plus! This is a great opportunity for an RN who does not want caseload, or specific schedule. One or more years of experience, med surg nursing, or hospice/homecare experience. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be organized. Interested candidates can call Gayle Willett for more information (800) 424-1457 or mail resume/application to: 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax: (989) 348-0045 Attn: Gayle. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (12/19/02tf/3)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

**WANTED:** Experienced truck drivers. Must be self-motivated, have a current CDL license and valid medical card. Benefits include health insurance, employer matching 401(k) and Section 125 plan. Please fax your resume or letter detailing work history to (989) 356-3628 or mail to Woodland Harvesting, Inc., at P.O. Box 676, Alpena, MI 49707. E.O.E. (-20-27/3)

**AUTO TECHNICIAN** Heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessity. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, safe, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. (989) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (2/20/03tf/3)

LPN's **WANTED** Interim Occupational Health is currently seeking LPN's to participate in Wellness Programs over the next few months in the Grayling area. Programs could include cholesterol, bone density, diabetes, and flu shots. Please fax or e-mail resumes to: Attn: Chris. Fax: (248) 334-0022 christinerowland@interimhealthcare.com (-20/3)

**MEDICAL STAFF COORDINATOR** Mercy Hospital Grayling is looking for the exceptional person to fill a position as a Medical Staff Coordinator. The successful candidate will have a high school diploma (or GED equivalent), Associates degree in Secretarial Science or equivalent highly desirable, 3-5 years secretarial experience or equivalent required, proven personal computer skills in Word, Database Management, PowerPoint and Excel. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills, typing speed of 60 WPM. Certified Medical Staff Coordinator Certification preferred. We offer competitive salary and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Grayling, Human Resources Department, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0528 or fax (989) 348-0485. (-20/3)

**THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM** has summer positions (May 15-mid-August), for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal). Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail JoAnn Carroll at carrollja@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

LAWN	TAG	POLO
INRE	SALSA	ERIK
SKEW	ALI'S	LEER
PANS	TEE	SATONA
CUES	RULE	
ADAMS	ERODES	
CRISP	MELEE	SOW
ABAT	AIRES	ASIA
LON	GRANT	VIALS
REFORM	MARYS	
ALAI	GULP	
CLOUDY	POT	LAIR
HOWL	EVERT	APS0
IGET	DOTES	NEIL
PONY	LED	ERSE

## North Central Community Mental Health

is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratio of 1:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.11/hr, increased to \$8.90/hr after paid training. Potential for promotion to full-time with excellent fringe benefit package. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth at (989) 348-2461 Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. EOE

## North Central Community Mental Health

**CUSTOMER/PROVIDER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE:** Seeking individual to provide reception and clerical support in busy office environment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Ideal candidate will have previous clerical experience acquired through college training or extensive work experience. Duties include greeting consumers, triaging situations, typing, filing, phones. Requires strong computer skills, organizational skills and independent judgment. Based in the Houghton Lake office. Competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 by 2/28/03. EOE

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West Branch Regional Medical Center  
John Tolfree Health System Corporation  
C/O Traci Webber  
Human Resources Assistant  
2463 S. M-30  
West Branch, Michigan 48661  
Department 2  
Fax 989-343-3646

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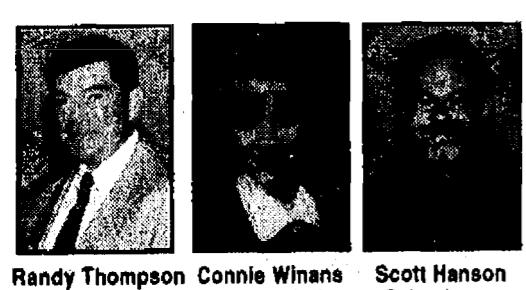
For more information call:

(800) 252-2065 or (989) 343-1100

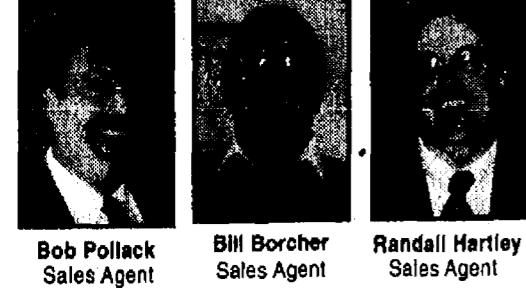
or send resume to:

Lisa Larson, Manager, or Barb Knox, Clinical Supervisor  
Munson Home Health  
335 East Houghton Ave., West Branch, MI 48661

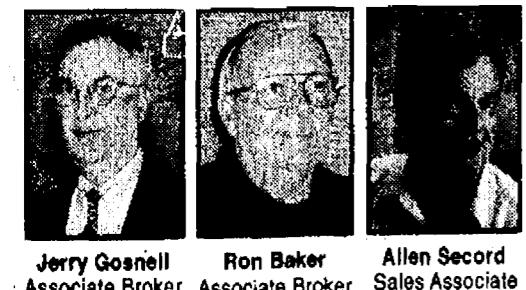
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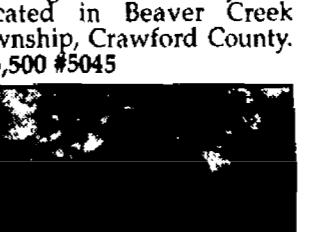
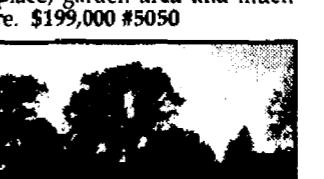
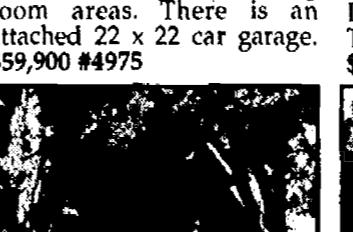
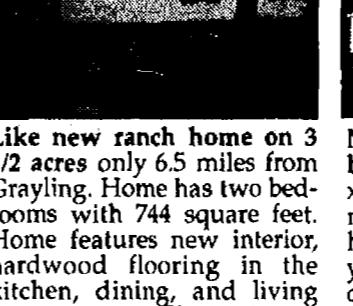
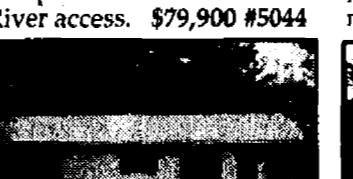
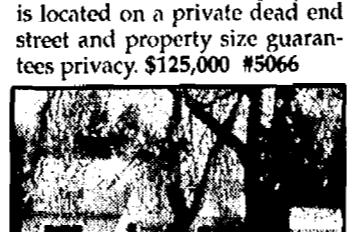
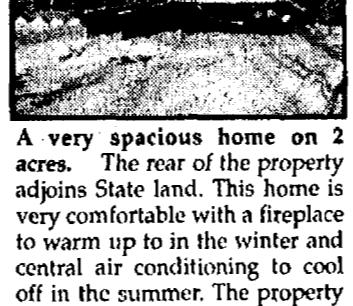
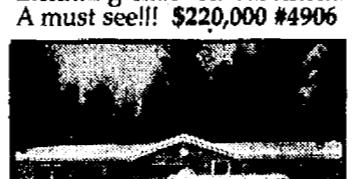
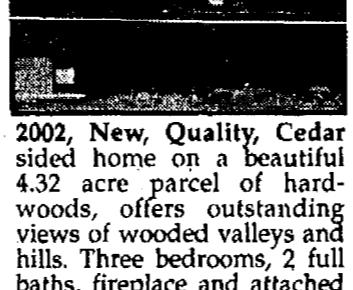
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**5. For Sale**

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**DRY OAK FIREWOOD** Split and delivered. \$45 a face cord, two cord minimum. (989) 348-1870 after 6:00, 619-0912 work. (LR5/1/03/5)

**J. DAP CO.** is having a Bead Night!!! Monday, March 3 from 6:00-8:00. Come on in and bring your beading supplies or you can purchase supplies from us! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan ave., in Grayling. For more info call us at (989) 348-4011. (-20/5)

**5. For Sale**

**NEW STAINLESS STEEL** Corner sink, never used. Please call (989) 348-4200 after 5 p.m. (-20/5)

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**MACHINIST TOOLS** Retired Gear Cutter has miscellaneous tools. Mic's-indicators/Arbors form cutting tools, Gear cutting formulas books; also has Tiger Woods Antique tool chest, five drawers, miscellaneous tools. (989) 344-1254 (-20-27/5)

**6. Wanted**

**WANTED: MUSICIANS** The Devereaux Library wants to feature local musicians from Grayling and all of northern Michigan. We need performers during every odd month starting with our big birthday party Saturday, March 15. Any style of music from classical to punk. We can only pay travel expenses. Send a CD or cassette to Devereaux Library, 201 Plum St., Grayling, MI 49738. (-20/6)

**7. Miscellaneous**

**4 X 8 Lighted Signs** and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02f/7)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday, All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**7. Miscellaneous**

**MISSING DOG** Digger is a large Akita-Shepherd mix. Caramel color with White chest. Lost M-72 East/Chase Bridge Rd. area. Red collar, no tags. If found please call (989) 348-3514. (-20/7)

**8. Announcements****ANNUAL NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**

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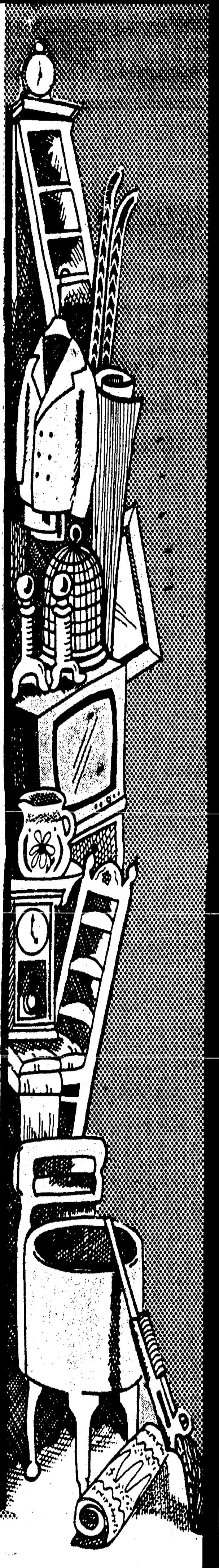
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## Cold day inspires cool creation



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If you can't beat it, join it! That's what the residents of The Grayling Nursing Centre did last Wednesday, February 12 as the wind howled and temperatures struggled to reach 10 degrees. Staff members and residents decided to have some fun, bring the snow inside, and build a snowman. After the finishing touches were made, Mr. Snowman was taken out to the facility's patio to preserve everyone's hard work. Now he looks through the patio window for all to enjoy. Participating that cold and blustery day were, from left: Rose Korwek, Bill Winistor, Elva Waltz with her husband Victor seated behind, and Dorothy Goudie. Not shown is Sean Weatherly, a senior at Grayling High School, who helped the residents that day as part of his 40 community service hours needed for graduation.

## Let there be no empty bowls



Photo courtesy of the Frederic Parent Teacher Organization

Frederic Elementary School students look over the handmade bowls sold at the 4th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit on February 6 to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, which serves as the local food pantry. Every Frederic student created a ceramic bowl for the event held at the school, and visitors paid \$5 and \$3 each to enjoy a warm meal of chili and soup, breads and desserts. Over \$300 was raised to help stock the Help Center pantry.

## GMS Forensics Team scores 'Outstanding'

The Grayling Middle School (GMS) Forensic Team traveled to East Grand Rapids late last year for the Midwest State Warm-Up Invitational and returned to Grayling with Dorothy Zarnick taking a 2nd Place in Poetry and William Brown a 3rd Place in Sales.

Other members of the team and their categories were Reid Holzbauer (Prose), Whitney Keir (Oratory), Justin Denno and Megan Lepsy (Informative), Jamie Denno (Sales), Kaitlin Gibson, Chelsea Hanson, Cassandra Pizzi and Meng Xiong (Storytelling).

The GMS Forensic Team then traveled to the University of Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Middle Level State Tournament on January 10 and 11. The entire team received scores of Outstanding, averaging scores of 95 out of 100 points for three rounds of competition.

Whitney Keir placed 7th in the state in Original Oratory, presenting her "Solution to Drug Testing Problems in Today's Educational System."

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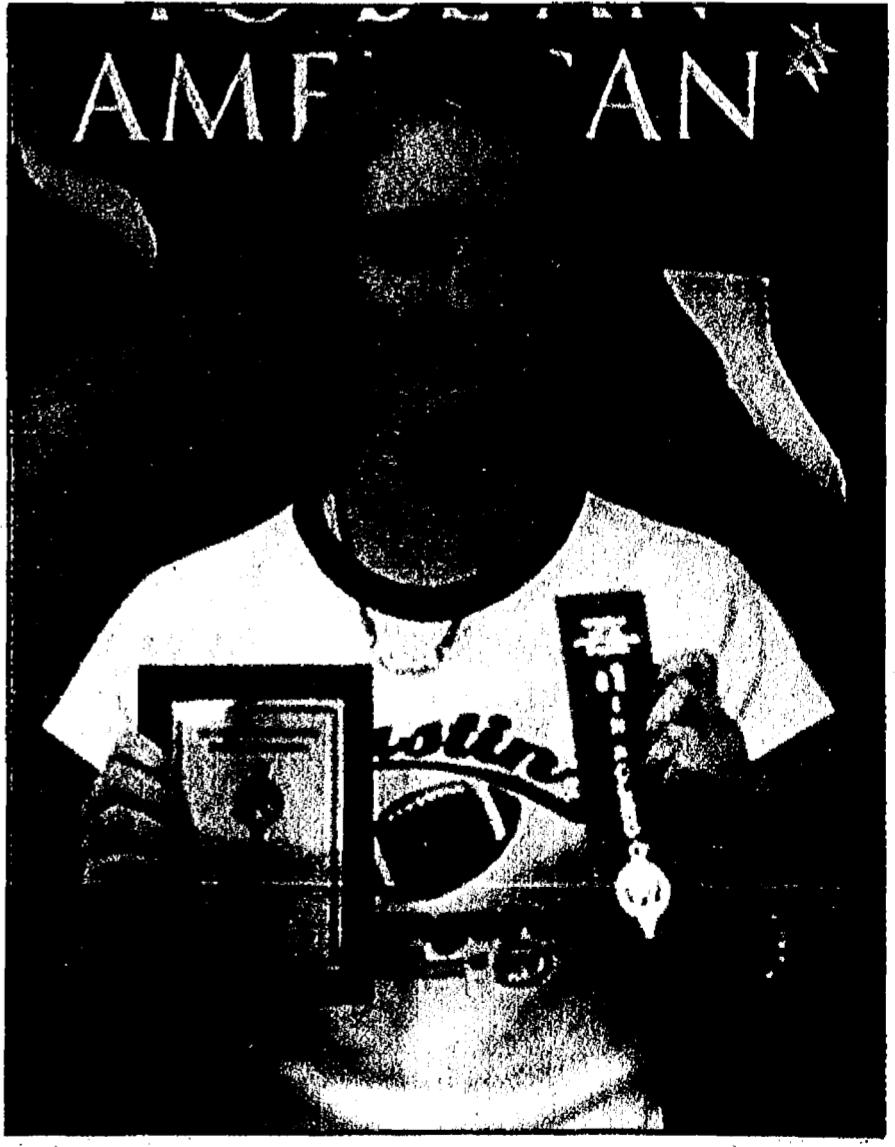


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Whitney Keir placed 7th in the state of Michigan at the University of Michigan's Interscholastic Forensic Middle Level State Tournament last month. The entire team received an overall "Outstanding" score.

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► Brian Banda resigns, Tom Wellman voted in to replace him

Last Monday, the Grayling City Council accepted the resignation of one of its members and appointed a replacement shortly thereafter.

Councilman Brian Banda, in a letter to the council that was read aloud by Mayor Dave Wyman on Monday, announced his resignation "with deep regret." Banda said his job as the school district's athletic director requires him to attend many athletic events, and those responsibilities have made it difficult for him to fulfill his obligations to the city. Banda said he hopes his resignation will "provide an opportunity for a council member with more time" to be appointed.

"We need to think about a replacement," Wyman said.

Councilman Roger Moshier said he would like to "renew his motion" (from November 12, 2002) and appoint Tom Wellman to the seat vacated by Banda. Moshier said Wellman is "civic-minded" and is "up to speed" since "he has been to all of our meetings." Councilman Jerry Hayes provided a second to the motion.

(In November of 2002, the city council went through the process of interviewing five applicants for one council position that had opened up due to a resignation. Wellman was one of the five people interviewed. With a 2-2 vote, his nomination by Moshier failed at that time.



Photo courtesy of the City of Grayling

**City Clerk Michele Moshier swears in recently-appointed City Council member Tom Wellman at the city office.**

Dennis Palmer, one of the other five applicants, was ultimately appointed.)

Following Monday night's motion to appoint immediately, Councilman Palmer expressed a reservation about acting on the appointment so soon. "I just found out about this (today)," Palmer said. "Should we go through the process? Do we have to?"

Wyman said he "shared (Palmer's) concerns."

"We can advertise and interview," Wyman said.

When put to a vote, Moshier's motion to appoint Wellman to fill Banda's seat passed 3-1 with Wyman casting the lone "no" vote.

Wellman and Palmer will both serve until the November 2003 election. The seats held by

Hayes and Wyman are due to expire this year, so they will also be on the ballot in 2003. Moshier's seat is the only one not up for election in November of this year.

The person elected to fill the slot currently held by Palmer will serve until the November 2005 election.

The other three seats will be four-year terms.

## City re-schedules DDA hearing

► Council will accept public input on DDA at March 19 meeting

used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

One of the steps involved with establishing a DDA is conducting a public hearing. The unit of government considering the creation of a DDA must approve a tentative district and publicize its

intent prior to the hearing.

The city council approved a tentative district at its January 13 regular meeting and voted 3-1 to set a public hearing for February 26. At the city council's next regular meeting (on January 27), the council voted to increase the proposed DDA district, so the February 26 meeting had to be cancelled due to posting requirements.

Last Monday, the council rescheduled its DDA public hearing for March 19.

## Celebration of local history planned

► County-wide historical event in the works for August weekend

tors can see some of the history at Hartwick Pines during Black Iron Days, Wellington Farm Park during its Flat Belt Festival and during Heritage Days at the Crawford County Historical Museum.

The coalition would like to set up one weekend in August where people could visit a variety of sites across the county demonstrating various activities that were important to the past residents of Crawford County.

Other groups across the county who are interested in helping to

set up a "Path to the Past" celebration include Fuller's North Branch Outing Club, the Lovells Museum and the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Other individuals or groups who would like to be a part of the "Path to the Past" should contact Mike Shearer at 348-2083.

## Frederic Township helps fund fireworks

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township board voted unanimously to give \$300 to the Grayling Youth Booster Club (GYBC) to help support the July 4 fireworks display.

The vote came after Max Tobin of the GYBC gave a brief presentation to the board. He said costs were increasing and the GYBC was looking for support from all of the townships partly because the display is enjoyed by residents throughout the county.

Tobin also said by getting county-wide financial support, the booster club would be able to use more of their funds to directly benefit area youth.

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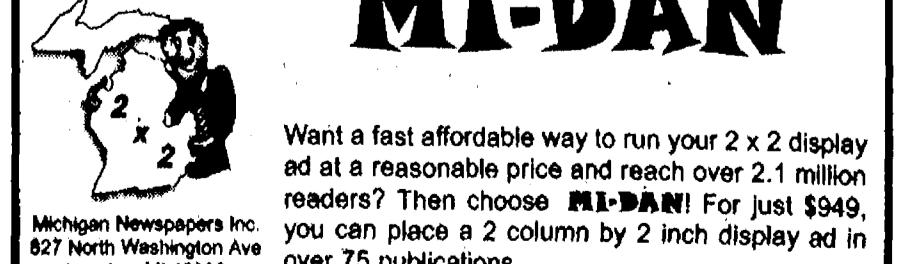
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# GMS Forensics Team scores 'Outstanding'

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She also received a blue ribbon for scoring a perfect 100 in her second round of presentations.

Other team members competing were Dorothy Zarnick (Poetry), Kelsie Gilbert, Cassandra Pizzi, Chelsea Hanson, and Kaitlin Gibson (Storytelling), William Brown and Jamie Denno (Sales), Justin

Denno (Informative) and Reid Holzbauer (Prose).

The GMS Forensic Team is coached by Robert Gorski for the past eight years. He is also serving his third term on the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Middle Level Governing Board representing northern Michigan for the past six years.

The top 12 students in each event receive trophies and plaques.

Over 1,500 students participated in the State tournament this past January 11.

Chaperones for the State Forensic Tournament were Judi Gorski, Sharon Zarnick, Laura Gorski (Varsity Forensic Team Member), and Mark Gingerick, a



Dorothy Zarnick placed 2nd in Poetry at the Midwest State Warm-Up Invitational late last year.

## Flu suspected as cause of child's death

► Parents urged to take action when severe flu symptoms arise

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) Health Officer, B. Michael Skoog, said preliminary results indicate that the death of a Newaygo County child on February 14 was possibly due to a complication of influenza infection.

The Health Department and the involved hospital are coordinating an investigation with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Health officials state this is an isolated case, with no evidence of an outbreak, and further information will be released when available. Close contacts of that

case are receiving preventive care against influenza.

In a press release on February 5, Dr. David Johnson, MDCH Chief Medical Executive, noted the state health department has been working with hospitals and other local health departments to investigate cases of severe illness or death, possibly linked to influenza.

He also noted they have been in contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for their assistance and consultation in the investigation.

He further noted that contacting the CDC is routine in unusual illness or unexplained deaths.

The CDC acts in an advisory capacity and can provide specialized testing services as needed.

District Health Department #10 reminds parents to be alert for signs of severe illness,

including high fever, altered mental status, unusual neck soreness or stiffness, bleeding problems, breathing difficulty, and severe, sudden and persistent headaches.

If children develop such severe illness, they should be taken in for immediate medical evaluation, either with the child's regular medical provider or to the local emergency department.

If parents are interested in having their children vaccinated for influenza, there is still time this season to have it done by contacting the local health department or regular medical provider.

There has been an increase in influenza in the state, but this is consistent with the usual peak of influenza that is expected this time of year. Both influenza type A and B have been confirmed in the state. Laboratory results

indicate this season's flu vaccine matches the strains of influenza that are circulating. Residents who would like to receive a flu vaccine should contact the local health department office at (989) 348-7800 or their regular health care provider.

Additional information from the CDC on testing and treatment of influenza can be found at [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5103.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5103.pdf).

## B&E suspect pleads guilty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A local teenager faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced early next month after pleading guilty to felony breaking and entering at his arraignment in 46th Circuit Trial Court earlier this month.

In exchange for the plea made by Casey Nelson Darling, of Grayling, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss felony charges of second degree home invasion charges, larceny from a vehicle - \$1,000 to \$20,000, breaking and entering of a vehicle, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, breaking and entering a vehicle with intent to commit larceny, and possession of marijuana along with two misdemeanor charges of assault and battery and breaking and entering a vehicle.

However, Huss stated, he will seek restitution on all charges.

Seventeen-year old Darling and a 16-year old male friend went on a crime spree last spring and summer, allegedly stealing money, jewelry, prescription drugs, music CDs and a variety of personal property from unlocked vehicles in the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

By pleading guilty, Darling has waived his right to ever standing trial on charges that have been dismissed.

The remaining charge of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny concerned an early morning incident on

Evergreen in Grayling Township on July 18, 2002. Under oath, Darling described to Judge Dennis Murphy how he was "walking around, looking for something to steal."

According to Darling, he and his friend entered an attached garage and "proceeded to find valuables." Then he entered an unlocked car and took quarters from the glove compartment.

With assistance from the Grayling Police Department, the teens were arrested by Michigan State Police Troopers after being spotted by a man leaving his home in the Karen Woods Subdivision at about 2 a.m. The teens were wearing black nylons over their faces and were carrying backpacks.

Judge Murphy asked Darling why he wanted to steal something, and he replied, "I was confused about life... I wanted to get some exhilaration out of life." Darling added that he didn't need money.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was able to recover many of the stolen items from Darling.



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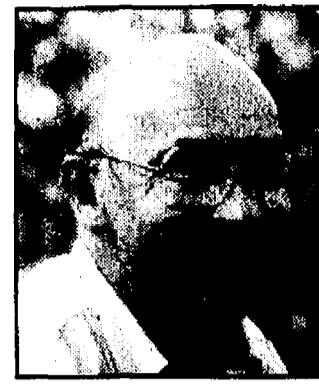
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Attorney General 'Just says no' to Gov. Granholm

THE VAUNTED persuasive talents of Michigan's new governor have hit a snag.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm asked Attorney General Mike Cox to construct a legal brief for her to send to the U.S. Supreme Court to support the University of Michigan in its historic affirmative action case. He just said no.

Mr. Cox said the state is not a direct party in the suit and there are enough legal arguments already represented from dozens of other "friend of the court" briefs.

Although he supports racial diversity, Mr. Cox said, the University is "on constitutionally weak grounds."

Of course, Republican President George Bush does not agree with the U of M policy either, nor do most Michigan Republicans and much of the public.

Gov. Granholm was rather mild in her reaction to the Cox rebuff, contending only that she thinks it was part of his job,

and she found other lawyers to prepare a brief anyway on her behalf.

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ALL THIS HAPPENED several weeks ago, but received new life the other day with a blast from Melvin (Butch) Hollowell, newly designated Democratic state party chair and a staunch political ally of Gov. Granholm, calling for Mike Cox to resign as attorney general because he wasn't doing his job.

Mike Cox will not resign as attorney general, nor should he.

The proper role of the attorney general in Michigan government when the governor is from one party and the attorney general from the opposite party is well established. In a nutshell, it's a cooperative yet hands-off relationship.

Both are elected constitutional offices, and both are political offices.

When both offices are held by the same party, the governor usually calls the shots without much conflict between

them, either legally or politically -- unless the attorney general is a strong personality with an individual agenda.

Today's operating policy in cases of partisan divergence between the offices, was established after the 1962 election, when Republican George Romney won his first term as governor, and Democrat Frank Kelley, who had been appointed by Gov. John Swainson, won his first elective try as attorney general. Both were strong willed individuals.

\* \* \*

EARLY IN THEIR joint experiences, the governor and the attorney general faced the inevitable partisan dustup, and the bi-partisan rules became clear:

Mr. Romney would run his office, and Mr. Kelley would run his. Both were elected by the people, and both owed first allegiance to the people and the welfare of the entire state. The offices were separate, and one would not dominate the other.

A spirit of wary cooperation ensued

for the next 20 years, as Mr. Kelley kept being reelected, and first George Romney and then Republican Gov. Bill Milliken won the governor's office.

For two terms after 1982 when Democrat James Blanchard won the governorship, Democrats held both offices. Mr. Blanchard, in fact, had worked in the attorney general's office under Mr. Kelley. They maintained a virtual tutor-protege relationship, with no overt friction.

Then came 12 years of Republican John Engler and Democrat Kelley. By this time Frank Kelley had become a political icon, and the rules were etched in stone. Wary cooperation continued.

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WHEN FRANK KELLEY finally retired undefeated in 1998, Ms. Granholm slipped into the equation as Democratic attorney general to John Engler's continued front office role.

Early on, Mr. Engler attempted some legal changes in the jurisdiction and

comparative roles of the two offices, and Ms. Granholm strongly and successfully defended the separation of powers, and the integrity of the attorney general's role.

Now, with Democrat Granholm in the governor's role, it was inevitable that a testing of the relationship would ensue when Mike Cox became the first Republican attorney general in almost 50 years.

Hopefully history will control, and the aura of wary cooperation between the two distinct offices will prevail.

The attorney general does not work for the governor. He/she works for the people.

Mike Cox is not Jennifer Granholm's private lawyer. He represents the state, and its people. That's how Ms. Granholm served as attorney general, too.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## EDITOR

### It's time to break out the flags again

To the editor,

Let's flash back to Sept. 11, 2001. Remember when the World Trade Center was attacked by the terrorist cowards? Remember when we united as a people against these cowards and vowed to eliminate this scum from the world? Patriotism was everywhere.

People recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America," and saluted the flag openly and with pride.

There were American flags everywhere. Especially on cars, trucks and vans.

What's happened in one and a half years, folks? Now it is hard to find a flag anywhere except on government and state buildings. Are our memories so short that we have forgotten that we are in a war against terrorism which even now threatens to destroy our way of life.

Have we forgotten the 3,000 innocent mothers, fathers, sisters, daughters, and kids who were murdered?

Make no mistake about it. We are in a war for our survival as a great country and our way of life. It's time to stand up

again and show our support for our country, military, and president.

For now, we have a president who has the guts and courage to do what has to be done to protect us all. He has stood up to the United Nations who for the most part are nothing but socialist puppets who would like nothing better than see us attacked in every way conceivable, and bring us to our knees.

Thankfully, President Bush and the rest of his administration is doing all in our power to prevent that from happening again.

We are about to go to war in Iraq to rid a mad man of the ability to threaten the rest of the world with chemical, biological, and perhaps nuclear weapons. Are we, the people of northern Michigan, going to sit on our hands while the misguided (I am trying to be kind) students and people of Petoskey and Big Rapids protest our efforts? Are you willing to let these people get the coverage of the left-wing media, while do nothing to show our support for our mili-

tary, president, country?

This is a military town, folks. It's time to shake the hand of a member of the National Guard and wish him or her well when they are deployed to protect us. It's time to break out the flags again to show our support for them and our president. It's time to write letters to the left-wing congressmen like Carl Levin, telling them to get behind the president, and stop supporting their buddies in Iraq.

In short, it's time to speak up! Don't wait for your neighbors to do it. Time is running out. We have to act now as a people, while we have the will to do something about terrorism. Think about this. The next person killed by a cowardly terrorist could be a loved one of your own. Could you live with that if you had a chance to stop terrorism by at least showing your support?

God bless the United States of America.

James W. Allman  
Frederic

### Keep Bush from the quicksand

To the editor,

Is it "loyal" to approve of a course that would injure our nation? Imagine you had a friend who was about to walk into some quicksand. If you were truly his friend, would you say, "Okay, you just go right ahead," or would you say, "Whoa, Bubba, that's not a very good idea!"

The message we are being fed is that a war with Iraq will make our country safer. But what if it achieves the opposite?

Yes, it would accomplish some good. First of all the military will get a whole lot of expensive equipment. And, secondly, we'd end the political career of a very nasty man by the name of Saddam Hussein. ... And?

That's it, folks. We wouldn't prevent Saddam sending a missile to us because he hasn't got any that can fly that far in the first place. We wouldn't touch Al-Qaeda -- they don't depend on Iraq for anything, and any Al-Qaeda who were in Iraq aren't going to stick around to find out what the business end of a cruise missile looks like.

We wouldn't even protect Iraq's neighbors, because Saddam is not totally brain dead -- he isn't going to lob missiles at his neighbors for the fun of it, knowing everyone would gang up on him and he'd get whupped good and proper.

Now, what about the bad effects?

1. If Saddam thinks he's going to get whupped anyway, he might send some missiles out of spite. Probably toward our troops, but if he has any left over, Israel will be next on the list.

2. We would spur a gigantic recruitment drive for Al-Qaeda. (Bin Laden is pleased as punch. He's already planning on this.) I've heard people say it wouldn't matter, everyone in the Middle East hates us already. That isn't quite true. Most Arabs, like most Americans, want to have a peaceful life, make a little money and raise their families. A lot of them are upset with the world situation, but not enough to take

action.

However, if the U.S.A. attacks a Muslim country which hasn't attacked us first, then Muslims all over the world are going to believe that we are truly against their religion. They'll believe that we hate Arabs, and want to make Iraq our colony. In short, they'll believe the people who are telling them they have to fight the U.S.A. So, how long do we want to be worried about another 9-11, a few years down the line? Or, forever?

3. We would have to stay in Iraq for 10 to 20 years, a target for extremist attacks whilst policing all the rival factions and trying to set up a working representative government. (This is what we promised we'd do in Afghanistan, and haven't, yet.)

4. Islamic political factions all over the Middle East would gain strength. According to a number of Middle Eastern experts; that could de-stabilize the whole region, but Turkey, Pakistan, and Egypt in particular. It would also undermine any attempts to work towards peace in Israel.

A lot of Americans might not care if an Islamic regime took over in a distant country. But Turkey is poised to become a member of the European community, Pakistan has nuclear weapons, and Egypt is considered the intellectual hub of the Arab world. Not good places to encourage fanaticism. And the last thing Israel needs is a fresh upsurge in suicide bombings.

5. The war effort would take billions and leave us deeper in debt than we've ever been. Even Alan Greenspan is worried about our fiscal stability if that happens. It would also drive fuel prices up, just when we've traded in our old cars for all those SUVs. And if you think our 401(k)s are in trouble now...

6. We'll seriously weaken the United Nations (U.N.) if we go in unilaterally, and possibly even if the Security Council caves in to American pressure and votes for a war, because the U.N. Charter doesn't allow for "pre-emptive strikes." There has been

a lot of right-wing propaganda against the U.N. recently.

But the U.N. stands for international law -- for countries not just taking the law into their own hands. If we act like "might is right," and undermine U.N. principles we set up in the first place, we betray the message we have sent to the world for over 200 shining years.

Saddam is bad, but Al-Qaeda is our most dangerous enemy. Focusing on Saddam is like attacking a lamprey when there's a shark fin coming towards us.

Our president is surrounded by people who are pushing for war, many of them for reasons of their own. He needs to have friends who are patriotic enough to advise him not to walk into the quicksand. If you care about the world, if you care about President Bush, if you care about America, speak up!

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### Mail carriers punish all when dogs runs loose

To the editor,

I'm writing in regards to the mail carriers in this town.

I am tired of my mail not being delivered because they seem to think that everyone on the street should be punished because

someone lets their dog out without a leash or chain.

I, for one, do not own a dog and rely on the mail for part of my income. I also know there are a few elderly people on this block who would like to have

their checks on time and not have to call up to find out what happened to their mail.

When a mail person takes the job, they have to know that dogs are a risk and they still take the job.

We, as homeowners or renters, cannot control who lives next to us or around us, so we really shouldn't be punished for the inconsideration of others on our block. Most of us are at work when the mail is being delivered and do not even see the dogs that are running loose.

I personally think the rates at the post office keep going up, but we keep getting shafted and having to pay for a post office box just to make sure we get our mail on the day it is to be delivered.

What I'm really trying to say is that if you own a dog, you know approximately when your mail is to be delivered. Please just keep your pets inside. If you're a mail carrier, please just do your job. You knew the risks!

Brenda Lukina  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## COA invites all to Mexican Dinner

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center will host a Mexican Dinner on Friday, February 21, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and everyone is invited. Cost is \$3 for seniors age 60 and above, and \$5 for non-seniors. On the menu will be Santiago Soup. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling, behind Burger King. For more information, call the Senior Center at 348-7123.

## St. John Ladies to host card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, February 26 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## NWTF Gobblers plan banquet/auction

The Annual National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Sanctioned Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, March 8 at the Grayling Holiday Inn, sponsored by the Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of NWTF. Dinner will be buffet-style with carved roast beef and stuffed chicken breast. Single tickets are \$45 (includes membership), \$65 with spouse, \$220 sponsors, \$20 for Jakes (those 17 years and younger). All tickets will be held at the door unless otherwise requested. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program at 7 p.m. NWTF Gun of the Year will be presented. The event includes door prizes, silent auctions, raffles, and auction with gun artwork and lots of merchandise. Deadline for the \$100 Early Bird Drawing is February 26. For more information, call Treasurer Dennis Ryan at (989) 348-8338 or President Brian Brown at (989) 275-1426.

## Schools plan Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the AuSable Primary School Media Center, February 24 through March 3. The media center will be set up like a bookstore for shopping. Proceeds will be shared between the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School Media Centers. The book fair will open at 9 a.m. on February 24 and be open during regular school hours, including parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 27. The fair closes at 12 noon on March 3.

## Group to host March for Peace

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held Saturday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Mary Beth Brady at 348-4200.

## Library Teen Board plans teen party

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library's Teen Board will host a teen party on Friday, February 21, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for teens ages 13-19 years. Teens must prove their age to be admitted. There will be lots of food, an open microphone, a showing of the movie, "Fellowship of the Ring," and computer games. Adults are needed to help that evening. Call 348-9214, ext. 3 to volunteer. The library is located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

## Local MENSA chapter offers admission tests

Northern Michigan Mensa, local chapter of Mensa, the High IQ Society, will offer the Mensa Admissions Tests in Traverse City on Saturday, March 1. Approximately one in 50 Americans qualifies for admission, potentially 10,000 people just in Northern Michigan.

Mensa membership is available to all who score at or above 98 percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test.

The Mensa Admissions Tests can be administered to anyone age 14 or over. For more information on the March testing session or to request a session in your area, contact Dr. John D. Schultz, Proctor Coordinator, at (231) 275-6735 or by e-mail at

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Northern Michigan Mensa has approximately 80 members in an area from Ludington northward to Sault Ste. Marie.

Members range in age from the teens into retirement, and have a wide variety of professions and interests.

Activities are scheduled each month in Traverse City and occasionally in other areas with clusters of members. Members can also stay connected through a monthly newsletter, Borealis, as well as over 130 special interest groups in the U.S.

For more information about Mensa, activities in Northern Michigan, or how to join, see the Northern Michigan Mensa website at nmm.us.mensa.org.

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The computer lab also features professional grade seating this

year, he said.

One class begins on Tuesday, February 25 and runs to May 6, and the other starts on Thursday, February 27 and runs to May 8. Both sections meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 205 of the Administration Center.

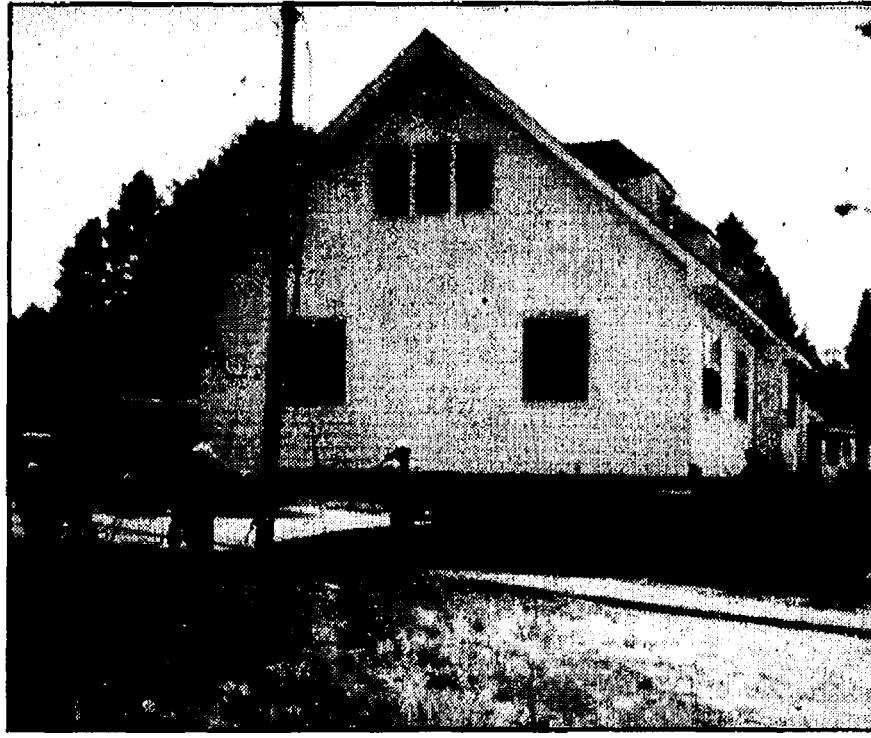
Tuition is waived for eligible, in-district senior citizens, but they will be charged \$39 in registration, course, facilities and technology fees. Out-of-district seniors will pay \$213. The textbook for the course costs about \$27.99, Horton said.

For more information about the classes, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 284.

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## AuSable River Center looking for artifacts



One of the few remaining white and green wooden Conservation Department buildings moves two blocks to become the "new" AuSable River Center.

The mission of the AuSable River Center is to keep the river healthy and to educate users to help them become good river stewards.

The Center, located at 602 George Street in Roscommon, is housed in one of the few remaining buildings originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939 for use by the Michigan Conservation Department. The building was enlarged in 1950 and after the Department of Natural Resources moved from the building it was used for some county offices and by the health department. The building was recently moved two blocks and has become the new home of the Center.

Renovations have reached the point where the group is looking for artifacts to illustrate the importance and effect the AuSable has had on this area. Walls have been removed to make space primarily for different kinds of canoes and displays depicting early inhabitants, fish and wildlife, lumbering and recreation on the river.

The plan is to have some exhibits ready for the annual meeting and open house to be held May 18. Those who wish to join the non-profit group and/or have articles of interest to share may contact Al Schultz at 821-5274, or write to A.R.C. P.O. Box 363, Roscommon MI 48653.

## ACT deadline draws near

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, the next nationwide test date. The registration deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA (grade point average), the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than two million times last year.

Important tips: Students who

have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online at ACT's web site: www.act.org. The web site also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

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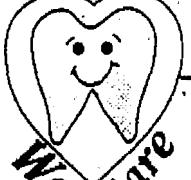
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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Pattern for Victory

We conclude our series of articles from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. In this series we have striven to reflect the words of Newt Gingrich when he described Schweizer's work as: "A masterstroke. Schweizer uses the secret archives of the Soviet Union and its satellites to outline with amazing detail the seriousness of the Soviet threat, the failures of the American establishment, and the brilliance of Reagan's strategy for victory. If you want to understand how we can win the war against Islamic extremist, study how Reagan achieved victory over communism in Reagan's War." May this brief review of God's blessings on Reagan encourage you to read the book to help place our present war against terrorism in proper perspective.

The comparisons between Reagan's war with communism and our present war with Islamic extremism is astounding. They both advance evil world systems controlled by tyrannical despots. They both share a common hatred of Christian America and Jewish Israel. Communism destroyed religious freedom in the name of Atheism, the terrorists destroy religious freedom in the name of Radical Islam. They both use extreme violence to promote their ideology. They both use fear to gain power and control. They both reject human rights and freedom for their own people. They both reject free market capitalism.

They both reject freedom of the press to keep their people in ignorance.

They both receive understanding, sympathy and support from the same liberal antiwar groups. They both reject our unalienable God-given rights of life, liberty, and property. They both reject our Bible, Declaration of Independence, and U.S. Constitution, which form the very foundation of all our national freedoms.

I concur with Newt Gingrich that the principles Ronald Reagan used to defeat communism give insight to fighting radical Islam. A strong faith in our God is just as essential in fighting Islamic extremism as it was to defeat communist atheism.

Individual courage is just as needed to fight Islamic terrorists, as it was to fight communist guerrillas. Boldly sharing truth is just as important to give hope and freedom to people brainwashed and enslaved by Islamic tyranny as it was for those enslaved by atheistic tyranny.

We must preserve the equal rights and freedoms of all Americans. Fairness to the Muslim masses who have come to America seeking freedom is just as needful today as was fairness to those Americans who were duped by communist ideology. Incorrigible militant Islamists seeking to destroy America must be eliminated to protect all our freedoms. We must unite against all tyranny. All Americans must have the freedom to either choose or reject God's truth, love, and mercy. Freedom is not optional; it is mandatory.

Truth is often simple to know and understand, but difficult to obey, defend, and preserve. The greatest danger to our faith and freedom in America comes not from enemies without, but from our own willful ignorance and apathy from within.

Like ancient Rome we trust in our strong military, but we ignore our own inner weakness caused by our immorality and cultural decay. God warned us in Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." "In God We Trust." Pastor "B"

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## Camp Grayling hosts Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 2, Boy Scout Troop #993 participated in the worship service at Camp Grayling for Scout Sunday. Before the service the scouts enjoyed refreshments and visiting with military personnel.

The service was opened with the call to worship by the troop bugler, Jon Kane. Chaplain Jay Kendall led the worship service, Kyle Halstead and Andrew Kane were acolytes, and all scouts led the congregation in reciting the Scout Oath.

Immediately following the service the scouts were invited to lunch on base with the Camp Commander, Col. Dennis Hull, LTC Tom Lamie,

Chaplain Jay Kendall, and his staff. During lunch Col. Hull



Local scouts participated in a church service at Camp Grayling recently. Shown, from left, are: (back) Jon Kane, Chaplain Jay Kendall, Scoutmaster Mike Kane; (front row) Gage Thomason, Kyle Halstead, Kevin Halstead, Andrew Kane.

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### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Vern and Joyce Fox of Grayling celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2002.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fox and their children celebrated the special occasion with an evening at the Rowe Inn in Ellsworth and a trip to Nashville, TN, where they enjoyed the Opryland Hotel and

other activities in Nashville.

The couple has three children: Gary and Denae Fox, Debra and Steven Walker, and Kaylynn Fox. They have three grandchildren: Stacie Walker, and Emily and Wesley Fox.

## Command That Mountain

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Of utmost importance, we must really believe in our prayer to God. Mark 9:23 says simply but profoundly "Be not afraid, only believe. All things are possible to him that believeth."

Then...wait. "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." [Isa.30:15] Be patient and have confidence in your Heavenly Father's will for your future. He will answer your prayer in His time and in His way. Try not to be discouraged. Keep in touch with your Heavenly Father through daily prayer and weekly worship. You, too, can "command that mountain".

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# DNR tackles 'old growth' policies

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Michigan forests today are mere saplings compared to the majestic trees that dominated the landscape 200 years ago. Decades of logging and improper management have changed much of the forest makeup, nearly eliminating old growth forests.

Now, a year later than scheduled, the DNR is refining a plan to let large parts of the forests return to their original state. Environmentalists say it's overdue. Loggers hope that their industry won't be harmed.

There are about 19 million acres of forest in Michigan, but less than 70,000 acres can be considered old growth, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

"Old growth" refers to a forest dominated by mature trees. Most of Michigan's old growth forest is in the Upper Peninsula.

Many U.P. and northern Lower Peninsula residents worry that old growth planning will affect recreational interests such as snowmobiling and hunting, but that won't be the case, said Mindy Koch, the DNR's chief of forest management.

"It is not our intention to prevent people from enjoying the forest," Koch said. "Our planning may actually help provide more land for recreational enjoyment."

Some environmentalists want more sections of the state forests to be designated to become old growth, but the issue of old growth management isn't as clear cut as the public may think.

"The theory of designating areas to be old growth -- that's out there," Koch said. "The question is: What do you do to that area? Do you just walk away?"

She said the problem isn't simply a lack of big trees, but a lack of general biodiversity.

Every ecosystem is naturally designed to support certain species, but human tampering with the environment can lead to a change or decrease in the amount of species present in an area. For example, red pine plantations in northern Michigan are an example of single-species domination, an unfavorable circumstance, Koch said.

"Our whole goal is to maintain a healthy state and private for-

est," Koch said. "We want the species that survive the best in an area to grow in that area."

The DNR began planning for old growth and biodiversity management two years ago. The final plan was due this month, but it is still a year away from conclusion.

Environmentalists see the DNR's effort as a step in the right direction, but say it's taking too long.

"It's fair to say that their attention to the forests' well-being is increasing, but there isn't a real commitment yet to identifying and protecting old growth forests," Michigan Environmental Council policy adviser Dave Dempsey said.

According to Dempsey, Michigan forests are in good condition, but state funding for forest management has generally decreased. "As a result the management is in deteriorating conditions."

Anne Woiwode, the director of the Mackinac chapter of the Sierra Club, is concerned with the pace of planning, but also questions the DNR's motives.

"They've taken an extremely long time to get here," Woiwode said. "The forests have been almost entirely ignored except for what they can produce for somebody."

Woiwode warned that if the forests are managed only for commercial interests the health of the forests will suffer.

Still, logging and other commercial interests must be considered when planning for the future of the forests, said Doug Lee, the executive director of the Michigan Association of Timbermen in Newberry.

Lee agrees with the approach the DNR is taking.

"You have to compromise on some things in life," Lee said. "But the Michigan people do have needs for paper and lumber products and those have to be met."

"One of the cautions that we have is that we don't get too much old growth."

Michigan has the largest amount of state-owned forest in the United States at 4 million acres. The state forest is the timber industry's largest supplier. Therefore, whichever path state management takes will have a

direct effect on timber interests, Lee said.

"There are some people that have a little bit of anxiety over this, but it's an anxiety over anticipation," Lee said. "It's sort of still in its infancy."

Lee, Woiwode and Dempsey all served on a DNR public advisory team for old growth and biodiversity. They point to the three national forests within the state's boundaries as an example of what the state could and should have done at least a decade ago.

Huron-Manistee National Forest started a program of old growth management in the early 1980's and so far has designated 176,000 acres as old growth. The forest covers nearly 1 million acres in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"Our program is really visionary because we have very little true old growth," said Jim Dimaio, the forest planner for Huron-Manistee in Cadillac.

The designated old growth acreage results from a settlement agreement after public urging that part of the forest be set aside to become old growth.

Management for the old growth area will be largely left up to nature, Dimaio said.

"We have an old growth design that assists forest stands that aspire to old growth," Dimaio said. Little of the designated area is actually old growth, but it will be allowed to mature to that stage.

"We're going to rely on designated old growth to be managed naturally, with little intervention," Dimaio said.

Active aspects of management include controlled burns. Fires are a natural part of forest development, but they need to be prevented to protect human interests, so controlled burns are a way to do what nature would have done.

Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests in the U.P. both have old growth programs similar to Huron-Manistee's, although in smaller proportions to their forest size.

Dimaio said Huron-Manistee funding has actually risen for the past three years, from \$10.5 million in 2000 to \$14.8 million in 2002.

In contrast to the national forests, DNR-managed state

forests have only one area that is designated old growth.

Hartwick Pines State Forest in Crawford County is a stand of white pines that was somehow missed by loggers in the early part of the 20th century. It makes up about 10,000 acres of old growth, a minuscule fraction of the 4 million acres of state owned forest.

The state surveys one tenth of its forestland each year to determine the best way to manage each area. That means about 390,000 acres are reviewed on an annual basis, with 60,000 set aside for harvesting, according to chief Koch.

National forests are surveyed in the same way, but the Sierra Club's Woiwode says the state has trouble communicating its management needs to those doing the managing.

"They have, despite good intentions, just not gotten it done," Woiwode said.

At the current stage of planning for biodiversity and old growth, the DNR is trying to deal with these communication problems.

The state commissioned ecologists to survey the state's ecosystems and suggest ways to return them to a more favorable condition. Now that the surveying is done, the DNR must collate ideas for management into a plan that will work for all of the state-owned forest.

"It's a very difficult stage to be at," Koch said. "There's one thing to come up with these great ideas, there's another to implement them effectively."

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by Joan D. Chittister, OSB



Great God who has told us "Vengeance is mine," save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our hearts and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt, to punish as we have been punished, to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves. We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers. We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples. We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to come more than the failures of our own making. We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power, to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence, and to bring peace-not war- wherever we go.

For You, O God, have been merciful to us.  
For You, O God, have been patient with us.  
For You, O God, have been gracious to us.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

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19 - Beef Stew/Liver; Hearing Clinic by Appointment, Exercise and Line Dancing 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 1 p.m.; Crafts at 1 p.m.;

p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

20 - Italian Pork/Tuna Noodle Casserole; Lucky 7 Bus leaves at 10 a.m.; Blood Sugar/Blood Pressure at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed Class at 1 a.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Goulash/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.; Lovell's Satellite at 12 noon.

23 - Potluck at 3 p.m., bring a dish to pass and tableware.

2 - Glazed Ham/BBQ Chicken; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m., and Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: Always tell the one you love, you love them.

Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

25 - Meatloaf/Breaded Veal; Grayling Housing Tenant Meeting Council at 10 a.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; and Movie (The Shaggy Dog) at 5:30 p.m.

26 - Sirloin Tips and Noodles/Brown Steak; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m., and Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

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Mark and Julie Ginther announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Jessie Ginther, to Brad Alan Larm, son of Darrell and Heidi Larm, and Jeff and Candi Taylor. A June 26, 2004 wedding is planned.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Reverend William H. (Bill) Fraser wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all the friends and neighbors for the loyal support given to us over these last difficult months and days.

Genevieve Fraser

### Robert J. Palm

**Oct. 28, 1945 - Feb. 12, 2003**  
Robert J. Palm, age 57, of Roscommon, died February 12, 2003.

Services were held February 14 at Walsh Funeral Home. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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## OBITUARIES

**Ronald William Taylor**  
**Sept. 14, 1905 - Feb. 14, 2003**  
Local poet, Ronald William Taylor, age 97, of Jackson, formerly of Grayling, died February 14.



He was born on September 14, 1905 to William and Lottie G. Taylor. He married Alice Mabel Green in 1932.

Ronald attended a one-room school when the family moved from Angola, Indiana, to Reading. When the family moved to Jackson, Ronald attended the West Intermediate School. After graduating from Jackson High School in 1926, he studied electricity to earn a Number One Contractor's License and to become a Master Electrician. He was known as "Wild Man" on Jackson's Auto Race Track, where he was the first to drive an auto over 100 miles per hour on Jackson's track.

Mr. Taylor worked at the Spartan Radio and TV Plant, the Miller Tool and Die Company and for the Home Dairy Company for 33 years.

Ronald always had a story to tell about the first cars, planes, radios and TV's. He was very insightful, as he predicted events which occurred in his lifetime such as a man walking on the moon and the building of the Mackinac Bridge.

Surviving Ronald is one daughter, Sandra; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Alice, his parents, one sister, one half brother, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 17, burial was at the Sunset View Cemetery in Jonesville.

Arrangements by Wetherby Funeral Home, 402 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201.

**Larry W. Todd**  
**Oct. 12, 1938 - Feb. 12, 2003**  
Larry W. Todd, age 64, of North Bradley, died February 12, 2003 at MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland.

He was born on October 12, 1938 in Mt. Pleasant to Albert and Edna (Yarger) Todd. He married Barbara M. VanBergen on July 1, 1960 in Coleman.

Larry worked at Pontiac Motors in the 1960s and was later employed at Northern Lanes in Sanford for 25 years.

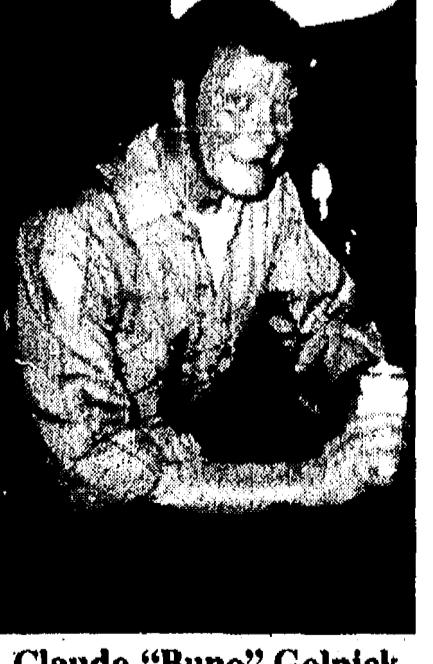
Larry is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barb; four daughters, Shelly (David) Schmidt of Grayling, Audrey (Don) Billington, Sr., of Coleman, Robin Johnson of Coleman, Lisa (Rick) Yancer of Coleman; ten grandchildren, Jacquie and Rob Gutach, Don Billington, Jr., Mike, Christi and Joshua Schmidt, Keshia and Samantha Yancer, Nick and Adam "AJ" Johnson; one brother, Jerry (Evelyn) Todd of Coleman; six sisters Mildred Snow of Sanford, Elsie (Roy) Bacon of Springhill, FL, Irene (Jack) Knapp of Coleman, Leona Boice of Brooksville, FL, Georgia (Bill) Cozat of Coleman, and Joyce (Vic) Lincoln of Brooksville, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Thomas and Gary Todd, Sr.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 17 at the O'Laughlin Funeral Home, Reverend David A. Howard officiated. Burial was in the Geneva Community Cemetery, North Bradley.

Arrangements by O'Laughlin Funeral Home, 215 W. Adams Street, Coleman, MI 48618-0126.

### In memory of...



**Gerald B. Latimer**

**February 12, 2003**  
Gerald B. Latimer, 71, of St. Johns, formerly of Roscommon, died February 12, 2003.

Mr. Latimer served in the United States Air Force. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. He retired from the St. Johns Public Schools maintenance department after 31 years of dedicated service.

Family was the center of his life. All those that knew and loved him will miss him deeply.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Donna (Argersinger), four children; Julie (Mike) Hopkins, Daniel, Jennifer (Wayne) Newsom and Amy; daughter-in-law, Cindy (Tom) Moore; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren that brought him constant joy. He also leaves behind one brother, two sisters, many nieces and nephews as well as numerous neighbors and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Dorothea Latimer, his in-laws, Fay and Olive Argersinger, one sister and son, Kalem B. Latimer.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 15 at the First United Methodist Church in St. Johns. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or First United Methodist Church of St. Johns in his memory.

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# Laundromat expands, relocates

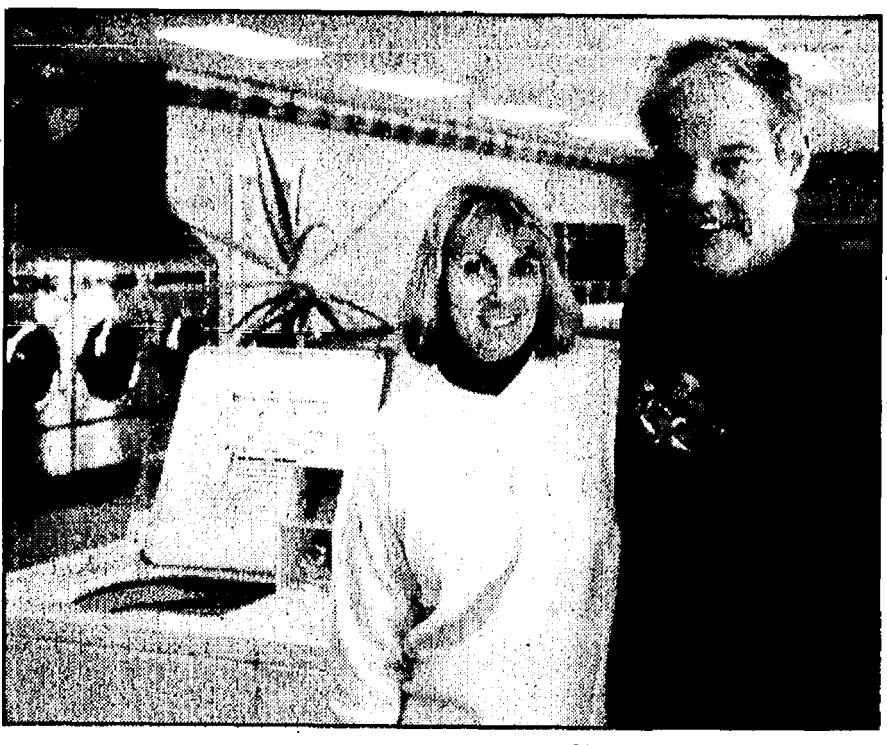


Photo by Susan Warrington

**Shirley and Karl Vander Veer at their newly expanded and remodeled laundromat in Grayling.**

## Rotary grant helps hospital launch pilot pager program

A \$1,500 grant from the Grayling Rotary Club has allowed Mercy Hospital in Grayling to launch a pager program designed to provide more mobility to patients and their families.

"Sometimes there can be a long waiting period for families of critical care or surgical patients," explained Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"Families may be afraid to leave the waiting room for fear they will miss crucial information. Sometimes they forego their own needs for food or sleep."

To help alleviate this hardship on families, hospital staff applied for and received the Rotary Club grant.

The program provides families with a pager similar to those currently used by hospital physicians and staff. Families will be

instructed to return to the waiting area when the pager vibrates or beeps. This service will allow families to move around within the hospital or surrounding area, yet will keep them in contact with hospital staff and physicians.

The pager program was implemented on February 10. The number of families using the system will be tracked and families will be surveyed about how the program works and if it is meeting their needs.

Depending on the success of the program, additional pagers may be purchased so the service can be expanded beyond critical care and surgical units.

"Our goal is to reduce anxiety and discomfort among families of our patients," said Riemer-Matuzak. "Having a loved one in the hospital is very stressful. We want to provide those families with some peace of mind."

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Karl and Shirley Vander Veer, owners of the old Scrub Board and Wagon Wheel laundromats, have consolidated their businesses into one location.

The new Grayling Laundromat, is located at 104 Charles Street in Grayling, the site of the old Scrub Board laundromat. A 1,400-square foot addition was put on the building, and the older portion was completely remodeled.

The new laundromat is large and airy with lots of light, new equipment, comfortable chairs and a decor which reflects the north woods character of the area. There are 37 washers and 28 gas dryers available for use, or if preferred, laundry can be dropped off then picked up the next day, clean and folded.

The laundromat also offers dry cleaning service through Alpine Cleaners of Gaylord.

The grand opening for the new laundromat was held February 10-16. Tom Ducastel won the color television, Nick Walters won \$50 of free washes and Norman Seaver won \$25 of free washes.

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## Donkey rescue group joins forces with Petfinder.com

► Local shelter has found success in partnership with web site

Homeless pets in the area have a better chance of finding a 'forever' home since Crossroads Donkey Rescue of Grayling has joined Petfinder.com, a searchable database that showcases their pets worldwide via the Web.

Crossroads Donkey Rescue has its own home page on the Web site, and each of its pets has its own page featuring a description and usually a photo. Potential adopters can also search by type of pet, breed, size, age and gender. Pets that match the search criteria are ranked in proximity to the visitor's zip

code.

Since September 2000, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County has partnered with Petfinder.com to find homes for its animals. "I would feel comfortable in saying about 100 animals have been placed through contacts with the web site," said shelter manager Dixie Lobsinger. "We have had a real good response and Crossroads most likely will, too."

"We are gratified by the changes Petfinder has made in the way pets are re-homed," said Betsy Saul, president and co-founder of Petfinder.com. "They no longer have to wait for someone to happen in the door. People can find them from miles and miles away."

And they do. Petfinder.com receives hundreds of stories monthly from people who have

traveled many miles to adopt the 'perfect' pet they first saw from the comfort of their own homes. "For many people, doing their initial search for a pet online relieves the stress of visiting a shelter," Saul said, "and a more informed choice can be made."

Each adoption is handled by the animal welfare organization which houses the homeless animal. Petfinder.com facilitated over half a million adoptions last year alone.

Petfinder.com represents about 4,500 shelters and rescue groups nationwide and in Canada and is free to potential adopters and to its members, thanks to its many pet-related commercial sponsors.

Because of Petfinder.com's partnership with PetHealth, Inc., a gift of two months of ShelterCare Pet Insurance, paid for by PetFinder.com, is given to

every dog or cat adopted from a Petfinder.com member in approved states and provinces, including the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The program is the first of its kind for shelter pets and has the potential of letting pets leave the shelter environment with a safety net. Adopters must activate the insurance within 10 days of the adoption date.

To learn more about the Crossroads Donkey Rescue, call (248) 669-1971 or write via email to donkeygirl13@hotmail.com.

To learn more about the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, call (989) 348-4117 or email: animal\_director@hotmail.com.

Both organizations can be found through the Shelter link at Petfinder.com.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 52 complaints during the period from February 9 - 16:

One larceny, three assist other departments, one motorist assist, two alarm, one property damage report, one juvenile, one attempt to locate, one disturbing the peace, one felony arrest, three private property accidents, four traffic accidents, two personal injury accidents, two civil infractions, eight city ordinance violations, 15 unclassified, and six traffic warnings issued.

The awards, ranging up to \$2,500, were granted by the Michigan Campus Compact.

## Kirtland history instructor wins grant

Kirtland history instructor John Thiel is one of eight Michigan college instructors to win a Venture Grant for his service-learning in one of his courses.

The awards, ranging up to \$2,500, were granted by the Michigan Campus Compact.

Thiel's plan is to have students in his "The Individual and Society" class compile a comprehensive directory of area organizations and community partners from Kirtland's four-county district.

The directory, to include about 50 organizations, will be updated annually and made available to all other college faculty for use related to service projects in their programs of study.

Service learning is a method in which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized experiences that meet actual community needs.

It is integrated into the students' academic curriculum or

provides structured time for a student to integrate newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their own communities.

The Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of colleges and universities that pro-

mote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens through creating and expanding academic opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 19 - 25, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: February 18-20, February 24-25.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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## Energy, anxiety and motivation: How your mood affects you

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Mood is affected by specific chemicals in the brain. Nurse Practitioner, Karen K. Lorne, RN, MSN, WHNP, FNP will discuss "Energy, Anxiety, & Motivation: How your mood affects you," during a free presentation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 26, at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

The primary care environment presents unique challenges for the optimal diagnosis and treatment of mood disorders. Time pressures that exist during a typ-



**Karen K. Lorne, RN,  
MSN, WHNP, FNP**

ical primary care visit make the assessment of psychological

problems difficult and may result in unnecessary medical testing for the patient, additional patient visits, and increased medical costs.

"My goal is to increase participant awareness of the general scope of mood disorders and chemicals in the brain which affect mood," said Lorne. "My intention is to empower community members and facilitate communication between patients and their primary healthcare providers."

Lorne's presentation is part of Otsego Memorial Hospital's 2003 Family Wellness Series. For more information on the Family Wellness Series, call OMH Community Health Education at (989) 731-2193.

### HONORS

Jill Ryther, a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School, has been accepted for membership in the Phi Sigma Alpha honorary society in political science.

She is a junior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in political science and English, and a minor in political philosophy.

This honor is based on academic excellence overall, and in the specified field.

## New executive chef joins Michaywe' staff

Deborah "Deb" Van Til has been named the executive chef for Michaywe's "Inn The Woods" restaurant.

Van Til brings a rich and varied culinary background to Michaywe', just south of Gaylord. Her most recent experience was a 10-year turn as banquet Sous chef at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Her prior years have been spent learning more about French cuisine, serving as Sous chef for Margaux of Naples, Florida. She also spent a number of years as Chef and kitchen manager with a restaurant in Sacramento, California. Longing for the slower pace of northern Michigan, Van Til ultimately returned "home."

Blending her extensive hands-on experience with her natural talent in the kitchen has brought Van Til to the executive position at Inn The Woods. She credits her strong German heritage for her over-the-top work ethic and her years growing up in the family-owned restaurant in Atlanta, Michigan for her love for food.

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## Another KCC instructor honored

Susan Owens is the latest Kirtland instructor to be honored for her community service-learning efforts by the Michigan Campus Compact.

"This is the highest annual award the MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan," Amy Smitter, MCC director, said in a letter to Owens announcing the award. "You were designated by your peers as the person on your campus that made the most outstanding contributions in the area of community service learning. The award recognizes the impact you have had in significantly enhancing your students' education."

Owens, a nursing instructor, was honored at an awards ceremony February 14 at the seventh annual Institute on Service Learning at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

She is the fourth Kirtland instructor honored by the MCC in the past four years. Maggie

Tatum (English) won it last year, succeeding Marcell Romancyk (math) the previous year and service learning coordinator Nick Holton the year before that.

Service learning is a method in which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized experiences that meet actual community needs. It is integrated into the students' academic curriculum or provides structured time for a student to integrate newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their own communities.

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### NEW ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS JOIN MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

Darius A. Divina, DO, is joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Divina completed his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI.

Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

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## Local scouts successful at Klondike Derby

One hundred twelve Boy Scouts and Webelos from across the AuSable District of the Lake Huron Area Council gathered at Kirtland Community College for the annual Klondike Derby, Saturday, January 25.

After a short opening and instruction period the scouts loaded up their Klondike sleds and hit the trail. The scouts had to load their equipment for the day into a sled that resembles a dog sled, then grab the rope on the front and head off. The scouts

stopped at skill stations along the way that included shelter building, first aid, fire building, map and compass reading and the sled race.

The Webelos skill stations also included a sled race, ice rescue, fire building, map and compass reading and teamwork.

Cub pack 3993 dens led by Joni Dunckel and Lennie Wargo, troop 979 led by Loren Goodale, and troop 995 led by Jim Pickell attended the derby.

Pack 3993 Fireball Patrol won second

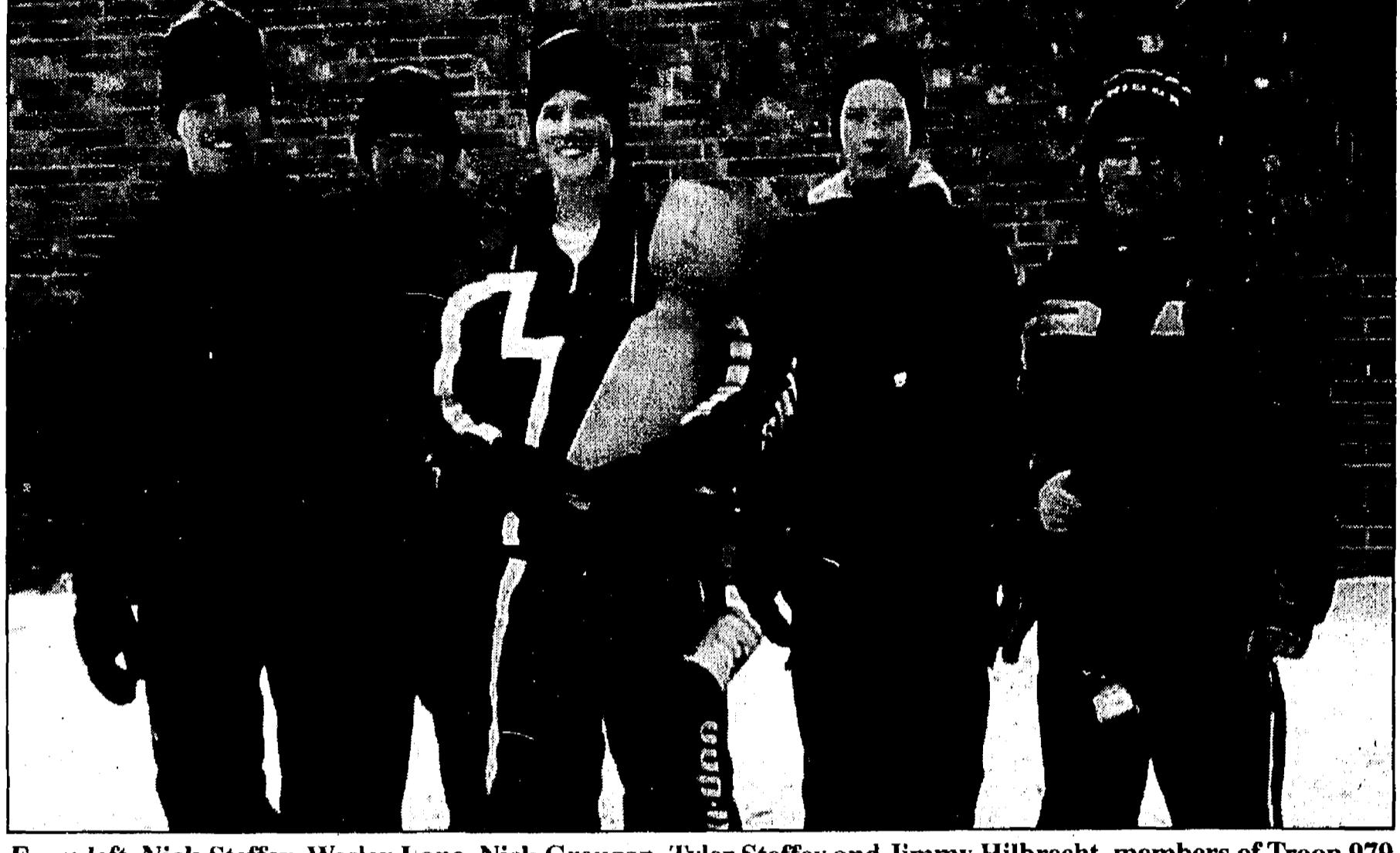
place in skills, third in independence, second in scout spirit and second overall.

Troop 995 Frog Patrol won first place in fire building, first in stretcher race.

Troop 995 Vikings Patrol won first in map and compass, third in sled race and second overall.

Troop 979 Booger Patrol won first in first aid, second in map and compass, first in knots and lashings and first overall.

Troop 979 has won the district first place totem at five of the last six competitions.



From left, Nick Steffey, Wesley Lane, Nick Grougan, Tyler Steffey and Jimmy Hilbrecht, members of Troop 979 Booger Patrol with their trophy from the recent Klondike Derby.

## Students younger, taking more credits as KCC enrollment soars

► Kirtland now second in state in enrollment, credit hour percentages

Enrollment continues to soar at Kirtland Community College and students are getting younger while taking more credit hours, according to statistics released

by the college recently.

Winter semester is up a whopping 14.2 percent, to 1,735 students, compared to 1,519 in Winter 2002. But credit hours are up an astounding 23.8 percent, to 14,903, compared to 12,041 last year.

Only Wayne County Community College recorded higher numbers in both areas than Kirtland, according to a poll of state college registrars and admissions officers.

"We've been saying all along that the economy is a big factor in the increases we're seeing, but it's obvious that other forces are at work here," said Dr. Charles

Rorie, Kirtland's president who has seen enrollment skyrocket since he assumed his office three years ago. "I think it's time to take a good, hard look at the breakdown of all those numbers to find out where all these students are coming from and why, and what we can do make their college experience all it can be."

"But with our numbers going through the roof like this, clearly a lot of people are doing a lot of good work around here."

Jim Enger, the college's marketing director, concurs.

"There's no question the economy is playing a large role," Enger said. "But I think we are also seeing signs that a focused, 2-year-old marketing program involving many people, including a full-time recruiter, is starting to pay off. This is the first such plan in the college's history, and it's aimed particularly at high-school students."

Not coincidentally, Kirtland seems to be the school of choice among younger people. More than half of Kirtland's students (914) are under the age of 24, a category that rose 16.4 percent over the same period last year. The 25-39 group (505), rose 20.2 percent, according to figures Stacey Barnes, Kirtland's director of student services, shared with the college board at its recent meeting.

While Kirtland's four-county district (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon) is the largest community college district in the state, it draws 445 stu-

dents from out-of-district, a category that rose a remarkable 45.7 percent. Many of those students, Barnes said, are nursing students in Gaylord and Tawas, where Kirtland is growing its health-careers programs.

In fact, "Health Occupations, Kirtland's signature program, rose 41.5 percent to 409 students. Other programs that enjoyed strong growth: Secretarial, 97, up 42.6 percent; Criminal Justice, 90, up 23.3 percent; and Cosmetology, 49, up 44.1 percent.

More than a third of Kirtland's students (658) are taking a full load of class of more than 12 credit hours. That represents a 27.8 percent increase over full-time students last winter.

Meantime, Kirtland has managed to keep its student-teacher ratio to a very efficient 17.2, up from 15.9 a year ago but still one of the most favorable ratios in the state.

Kirtland's enrollment includes those signed up for classes and attending the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord, which opened in January 2002.

The M-TEC has 133 students, or about 7.7 percent of the college's total headcount. Those students are taking 833.27 credit hours, or just 5.6 percent of the total credit hours.

Also, nearly a third of Kirtland's students registered for classes online this semester, the first opportunity web registration was widely available to all prospective students.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Coming up in March at the Devereaux Library:

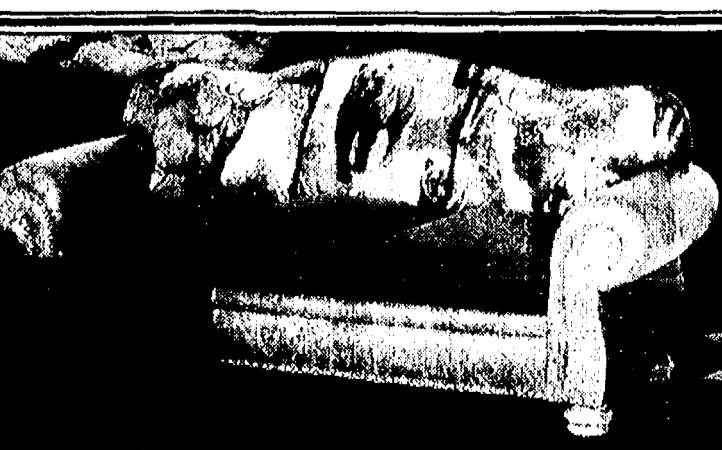
On March 3, listen to Library Director Edward Elsner read from Dr. Seuss in the reading pit all day long! March 3 is Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America Day."

On March 15, celebrate the first birthday of the Devereaux Library with cake, balloons, and brand new library cards for everyone.

On March 20, hear local author, Ida Mae Ireland, talk about self-publishing and read from her book.

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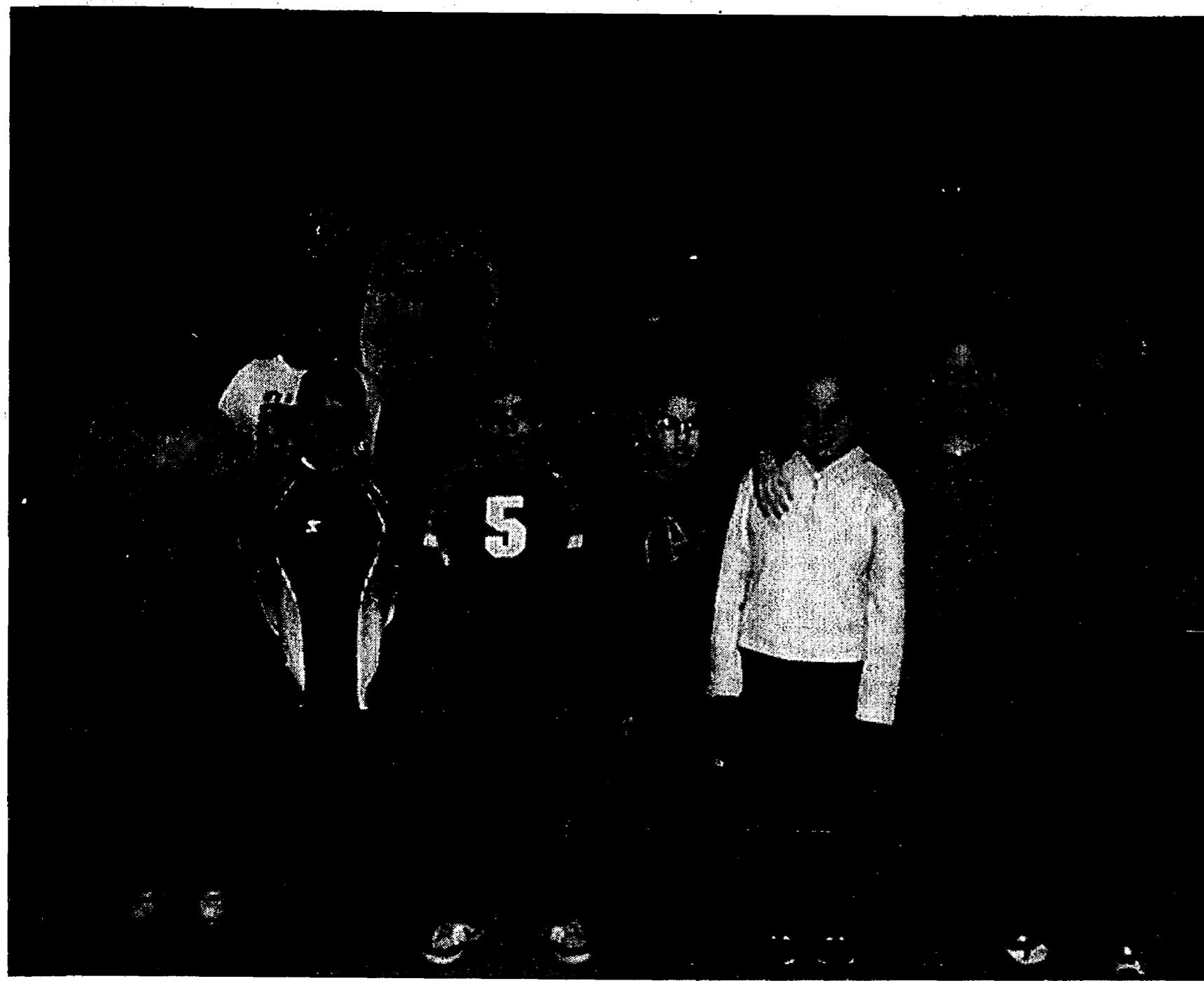
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## Seeing double - nine times



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## Junior Achievement programs benefit CASD students

During this school year the fifth graders at Grayling and Frederic Elementary schools will be given a total of six Junior Achievement programs entitled "Our Nation," which examines how businesses operate in the United States and explores various economic issues that impact those businesses.

The sixth graders at Grayling Middle School will participate in six programs, entitled "Our World," which focuses on imports and exports, the role of foreign exchange, and how countries are interdependent.

These programs from Junior Achievement are designed to help educate and inspire students to value our free enterprise system and entrepreneurship, develop a basic understanding of business and economics, and be workforce ready.

## P.I.T. STOP

### Grayling Middle School News

#### Submitted by Parent Involvement Team

Attention parents: We are looking for comments and suggestions on cost saving ideas for the middle school. The school district as a whole has to cut everywhere, but you may have an idea that they aren't thinking of. Please let us know. There are forms available at the middle school office or you can e-mail Nancy Hatfield at [nhatfield@casdk12.net](mailto:nhatfield@casdk12.net). You may also call Nancy Hatfield at the Middle School at 344-3554. We need all comments by Friday the 21st: Here's your chance to voice your opinion on what the school district should cut.

We will be setting up an e-mail data base for the middle school students. If you are interested in receiving school information via e-mail, please send us your e-mail address at [nhatfield@casdk12.net](mailto:nhatfield@casdk12.net) or [Shirley@northmichiganappraisal.com](mailto:Shirley@northmichiganappraisal.com). This will be an easy way for us to get information to parents, without spending a lot of money.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST -

The high school counselors will be at the middle school to answer any questions that the 8th graders may have about high school. Please talk to your child about this and think about important questions. For example: bussing for in town students, classes they will need for college, lunch charges.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - There will be a half day of school on this day starting at 12:30 p.m. The middle school will be holding student led parent conferences from 4 - 7 p.m. on this day. This is a great opportunity for your child to show you what he/she has been

doing. The kids work hard getting ready for this day so please make an effort to attend with your child.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS - High school class requests are due today. They need to be turned in to your homeroom teacher.

OUR NEXT P.I.T. MEETING will be March 13th at the middle school. We are planning our 3rd annual FunFest at Hanson Hills, which will be held in May. We could really use some new parent input. Please attend. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.

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**Marj Kelsey, FNP**  
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Marj Kelsey is a Certified Nurse Practitioner. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, and received her graduate degree from Michigan State University. She has been part of the Mercy Hospital Grayling staff since 1987 and began her work as a Nurse Practitioner in 1995.



**David LaGattuta, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

David A. LaGattuta, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. LaGattuta completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University. Dr. LaGattuta began practicing at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1996.



**Vincent E. Schultz, MD**  
Family Practice/OB/GYN

Vincent E. Schultz, MD, is a specialist in Family Practice and Obstetrics. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Schultz completed his residency in Family Practice at Midland Family Practice and fellowship in Obstetrics in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Schultz joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2001.



**Carl F. Schubert, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Carl F. Schubert, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Schubert completed his medical education at Wayne State University in 1989, and practiced in Alpena before joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002.

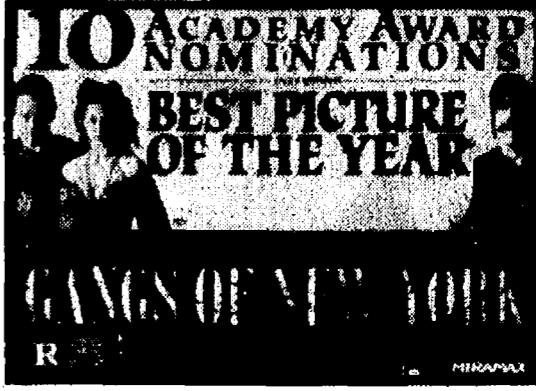


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## HONORS

### Hope College

Hope College announced that Jessica Barber of Grayling was named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year.

Jessica is the daughter of Bob and Carol Becks.

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Northern Michigan University Northern Michigan University announced that Kristina L. Cadeau and Colin G. Hunter of Grayling were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2002 school year.

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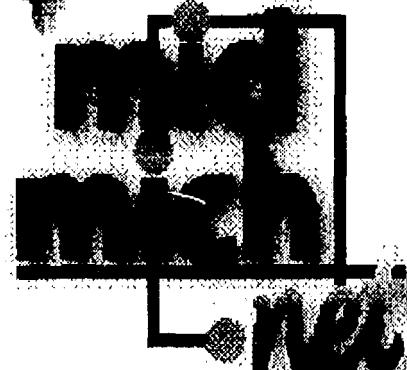
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

## VIEWPOINT

by Lynnette Corlew, Chair Crawford County Board of Commissioners

### Board asks for community input to find solutions to budget crisis

As we begin a new term of office, we face many challenges in our future. Unfortunately, when Federal and State governments experience budget shortfalls, Crawford County will also experience more financial hardship.

Governor Granholm is predicting that, in 2004, revenue sharing to counties will be

severely cut or eliminated all together. This means an approximate \$300,000 shortfall for Crawford County alone.

The townships and the City of Grayling will not be immune from revenue sharing cuts to their budgets, either.

These cuts could be devastating to our county budget. We have spent the last five years

reducing our budget by eliminating positions, reducing hours of service and eliminating the sheriff's 24-hour road patrol.

Departments are being impacted in a significant way because everyone is performing multiple positions. Equipment upgrades and capital improvements are needed due to age and usage.

Every department is being challenged to do more with less in order to continue the services required. There are few items left to reduce or eliminate on the expenditure side of the budget.

Where do we go from here is the most frequently asked question. We must find a way to increase revenues, if possible, without additional taxes. How can this be accomplished is another question.

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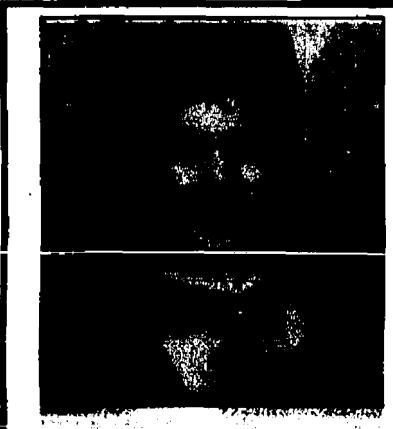
One step we are taking is to form partnerships to foster economic development. In order to achieve this goal, we are working with Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E), township boards, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

We have defined our needs and future goals, and now is the time to roll up our sleeves and make it happen. However, we will not be able to do it immediately nor will we be able to do it alone.

Community input and involvement are always welcome.

If you have any ideas, questions, or contributions to make, please contact your county commissioner.

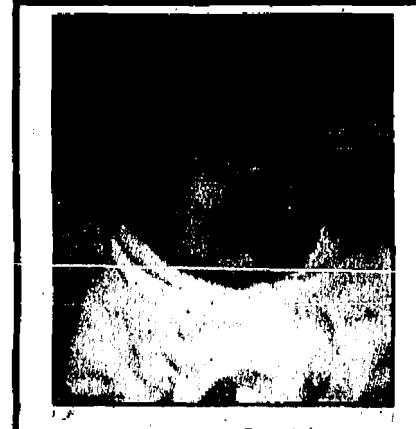
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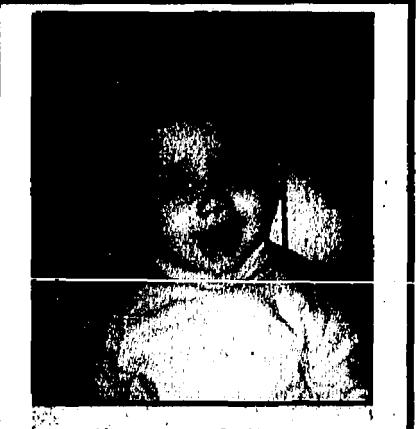
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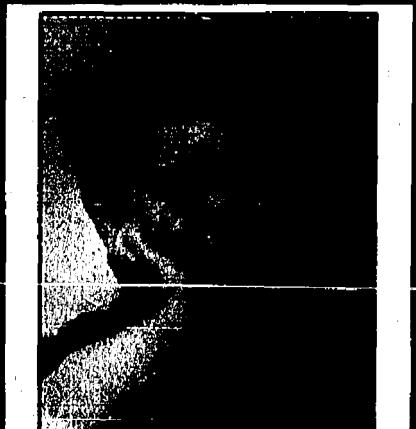
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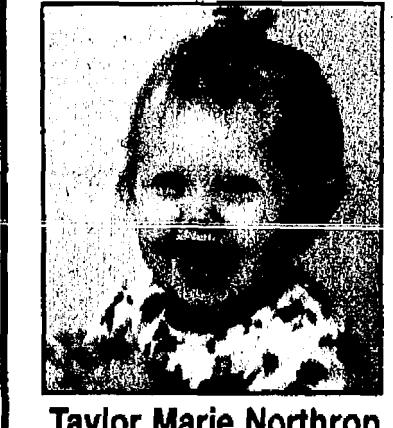
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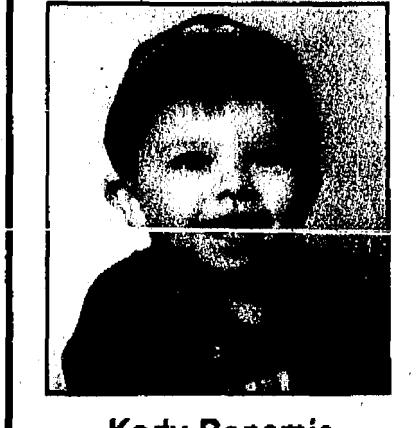
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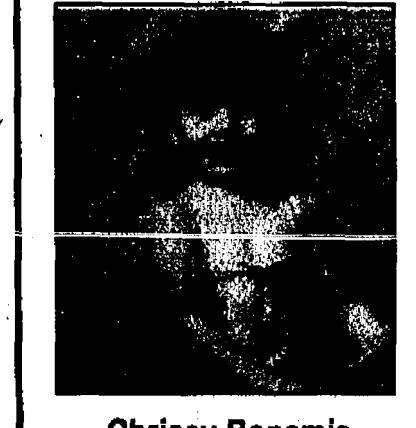
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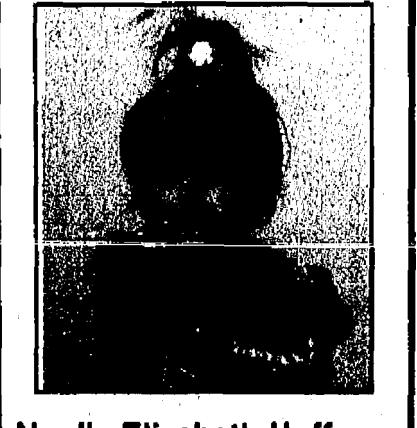
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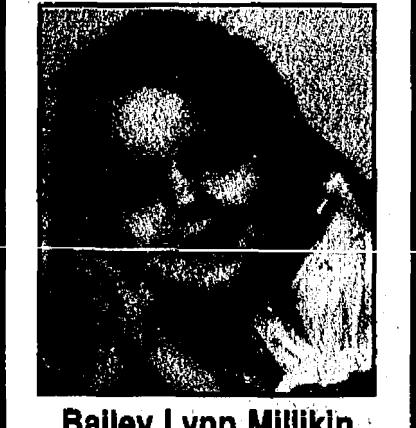
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Grandparents are J.C. & Kay Ellen King, Jan Niederer



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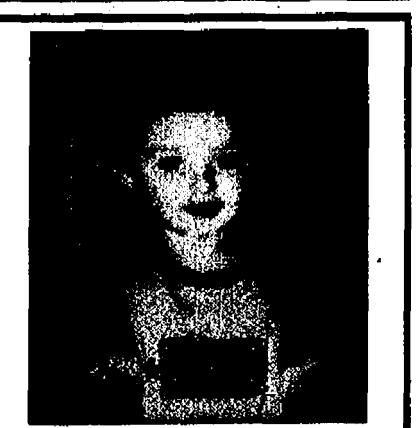
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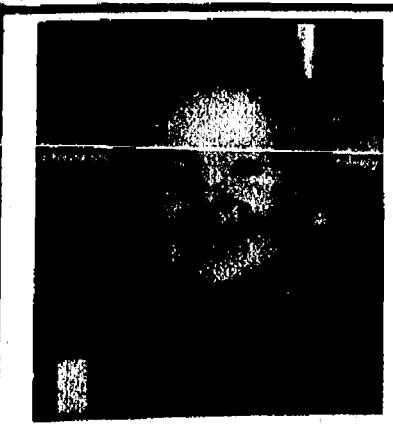
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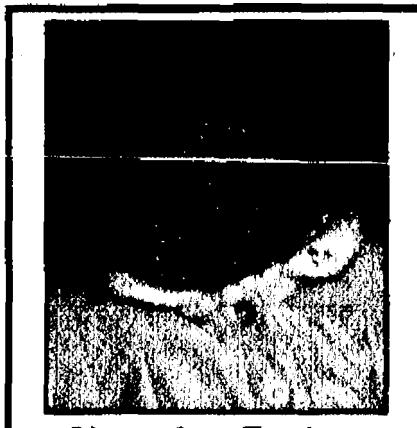
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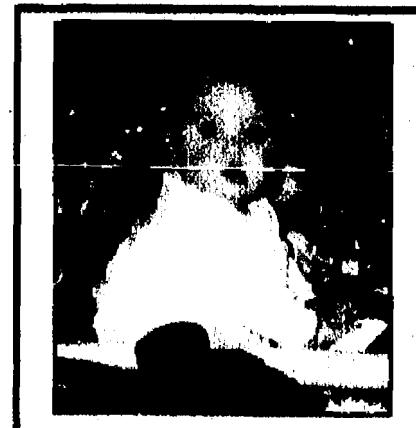
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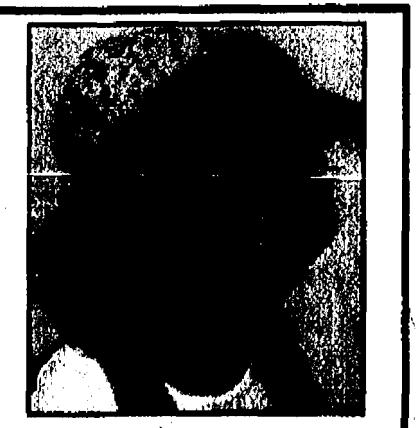
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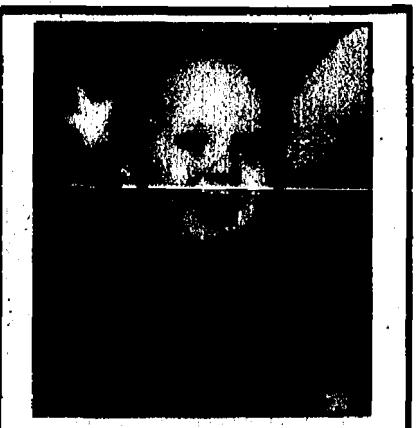
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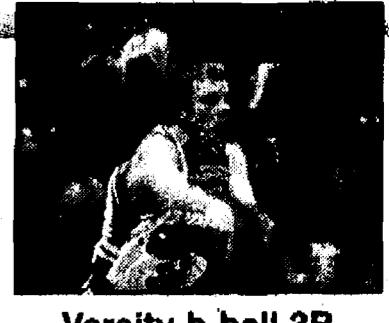
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Great-grandparent: Vivian Campbell



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SECTION

# SPORTS & RECREATION



Varsity b-ball 3B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 20, 2003

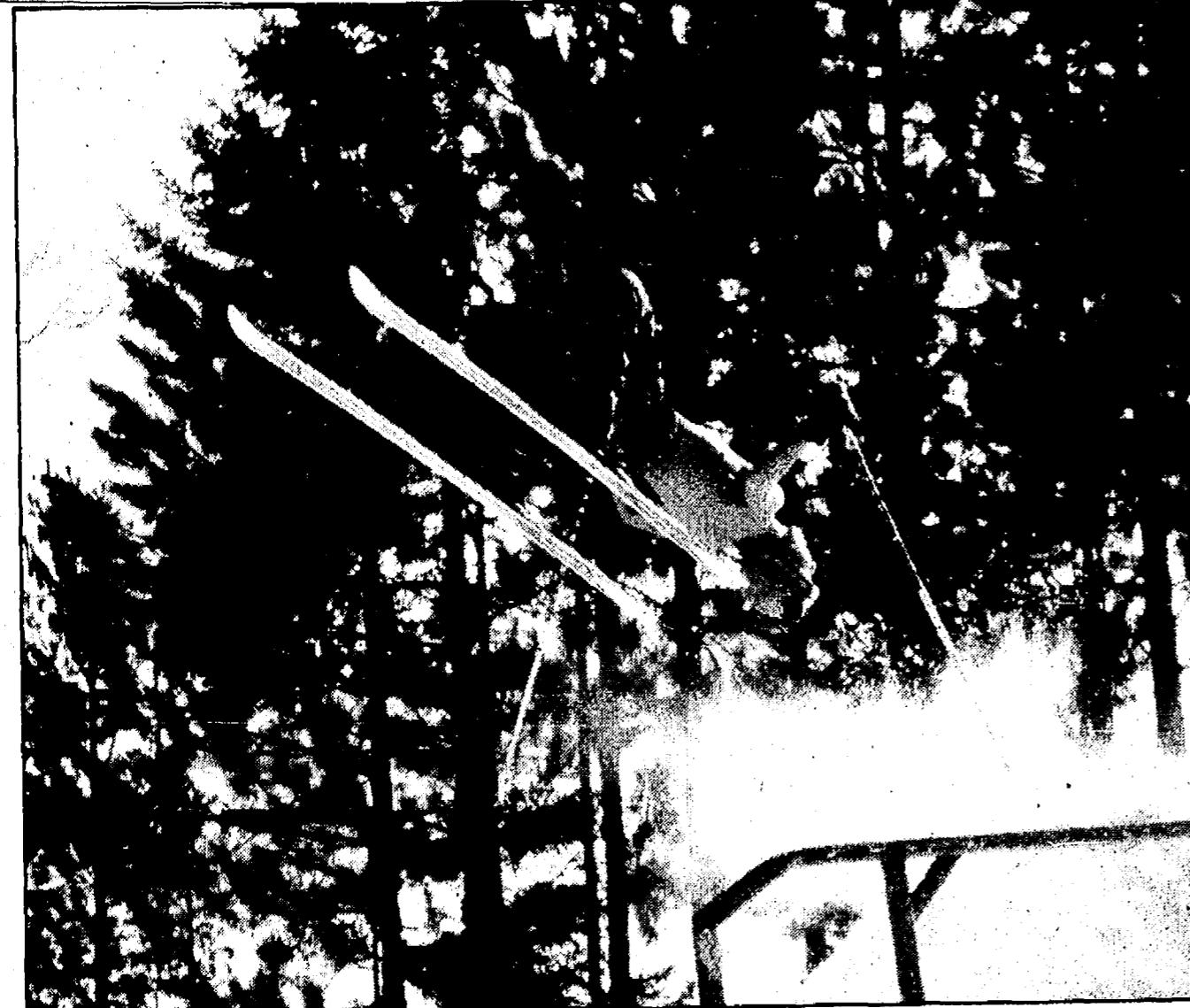


Photo by Caleb Casey

Kyle Trudgeon performs a (shirtless) flip off the ramp at the Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days festival.



Photo courtesy of Herb Olson

Erik Olson competes in the snowboarding portion of the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition. For more on the event, including results of both the skiing and snowboarding competitions, see Page 5B.

## Winter Fun Days

Winter Fun Days – held at Hanson Hills during the weekend of February 7-9 – featured a wide variety of events and competitions.

Skiers and snowboarders com-

peted in a slalom race on Saturday, and on Sunday, skiers and snowboarders took to the hills again for the high-flying Big Air Competition. On Friday, there was an indoor horseshoe tourna-

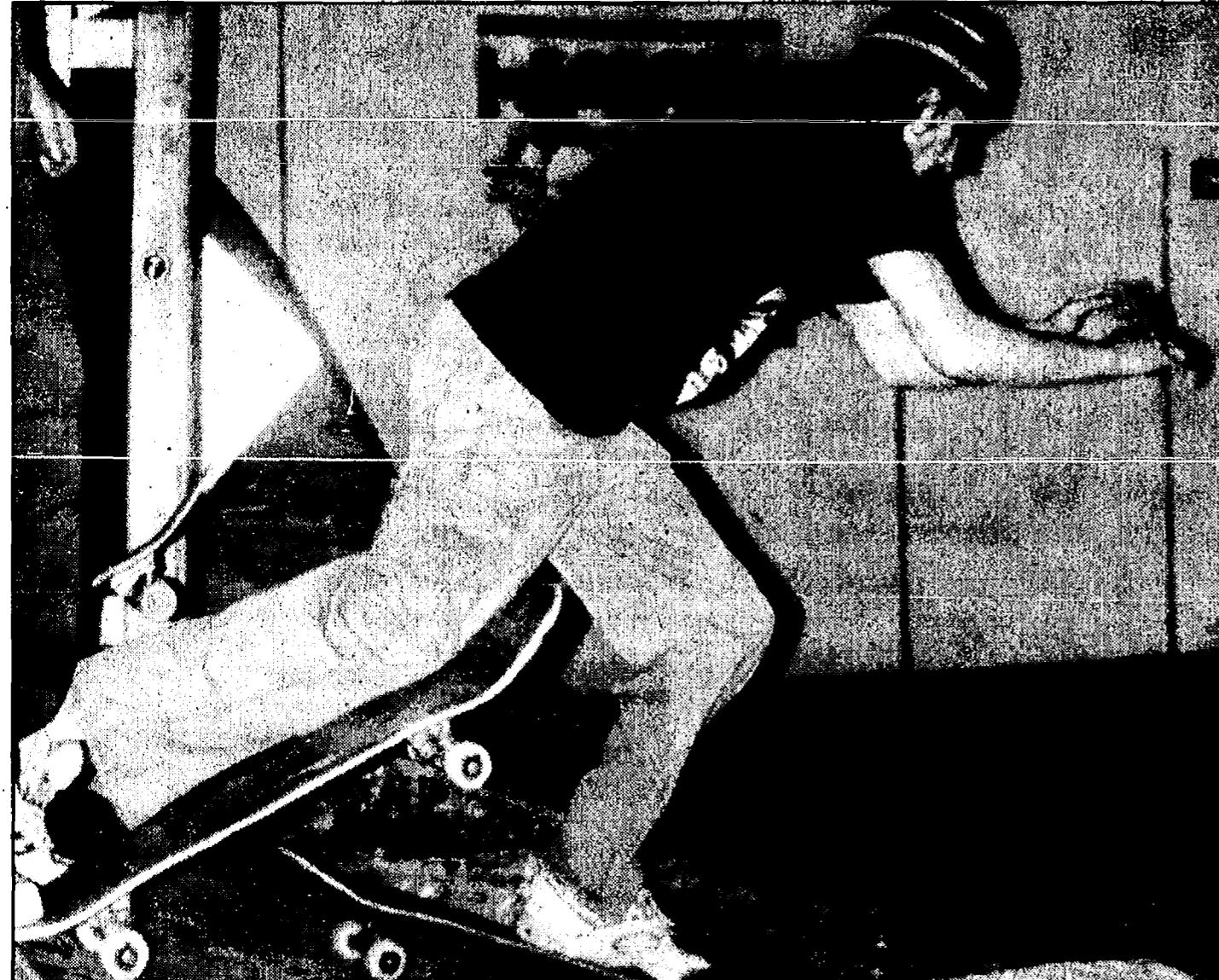
ment (which substituted bean bags for shoes).

On Sunday, Gray Rock Cafe was announced as the winner of the WFD Chili Cook Off for the fifth time.

Other competitions and events included a scavenger hunt (for a hidden Hanson Hills ski pass), a snowball throwing contest, group ski lessons, and a skateboarding/rollerblading competi-

tion at the Hanson Hills Skate Park.

Winter Fun Days, formerly the Winter Wolf Festival, is an annual Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority event.



The Winter Fun Days festival included a competition for skateboarders and rollerbladers.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Recreation Authority  
Julie Ginther competes in the WFD Indoor Horseshoe Tournament, which subbed bean bags for horseshoes.



The winners of the 2003 WFD Chili Cook Off were: 1st – Gray Rock Cafe; 2nd – Mercy Hospital; 3rd – Holiday Inn. Other prizes awarded at the event: Gift Certificate Winners – James Jones, Rose Nelson, Vickie Putnam, Douglas Slater; Meat and Cheese Tray Winners – Ann Hamlin, Wayne Nelson; 50/50 Winner – Charlene Scheer.



Bradley Bertalan (right) found the WFD Scavenger Hunt prize: a Hanson Hills ski pass for 2003-04. He gave it to Alex Sloan (left).

## Four Vikings qualify for Regionals

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(103), Adam Malone (130), Joel Wilson (145), and Aaron Rosecrans (215) each had one win for the Vikings.

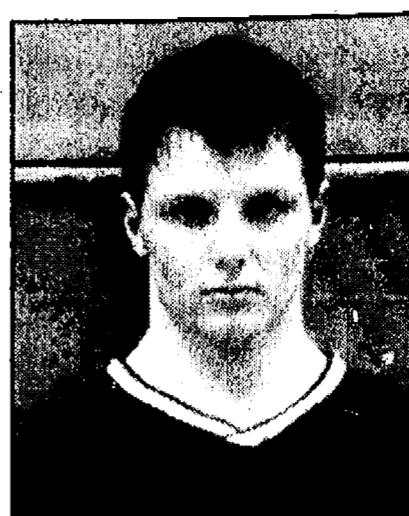
At the Individual Districts event at Cheboygan on Saturday, four GHS wrestlers - Wilson (freshman), Partello (junior), Babbitt (junior), and Pratt (junior) - placed high enough to qualify for Regionals.

Partello was the District champion in his weight class (152), and earned his 100th career high school wrestling victory at Saturday's meet. He is the 28th GHS wrestler to reach the 100-win milestone.

Harvey, Jeremy Handrich, Don Starks, and Rosecrans were all one match away from being a Regional qualifier.

"I thought there was a chance we could get eight through, but it didn't happen. But I am real happy with the four," Coach Ferguson said. "They will be ready to make the trip to the Palace (for the State Finals) on March 6, 7, and 8."

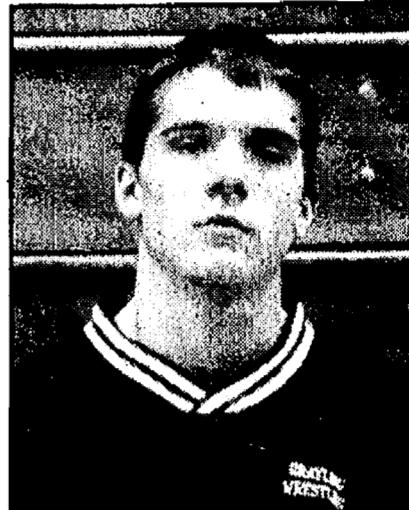
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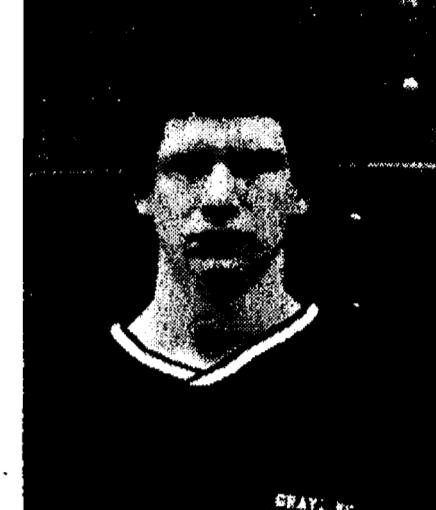
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Regional Qualifier



Darryl Babbitt  
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Brandon Pratt  
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Joel Wilson  
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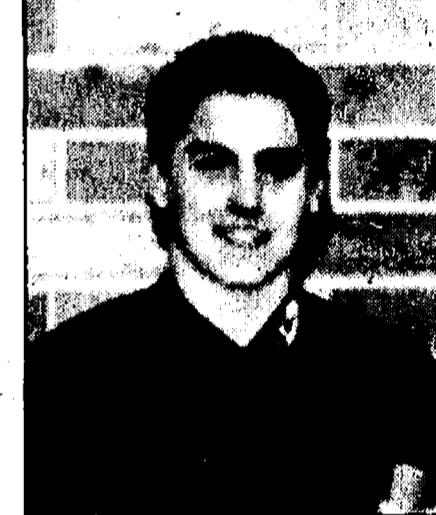
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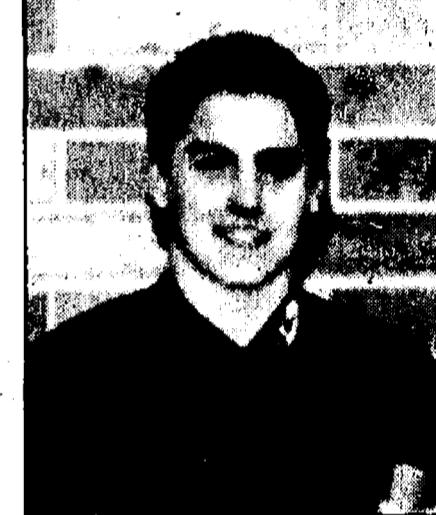
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# Big third quarter lifts Vikings

► Varsity boys basketball team defeats Spartans of Pinconning 79-55

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

After an up and down first half, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team put together a big third quarter surge to help the Vikings win a conference match vs. the visiting Pinconning Spartans on Friday.

The victory improved Grayling's North East Michigan Conference record to 7-3. The Vikings are third in the NEMC behind Tawas (7-2) and Bay City John Glenn (8-3), both of which won their league games last week.

On Friday, Grayling jumped out to an early 11-4 lead on the strength of 9-0 run that included three baskets by Roy Czapek and a triple by Adam Kaiser.

Pinconning then took a 13-11 lead with a 9-0 run of its own.

Two free throws by Gibson Tobin tied the game at 13-13 with 54 seconds remaining in the first quarter. A triple by Travis Helsel with 17 seconds left in the period put GHS up by three. Grayling got the ball back and got the ball to Helsel, who connected on another three-pointer just before the first quarter expired.

Grayling led 19-13 going into the second period.

The Vikings opened the second quarter with a triple by Kaiser. A jumper by Helsel and a drive by Kaiser put Grayling up by 11, 26-15. A shot inside and a three-point play by Pinconning pulled the Spartans within six, 26-20.

The Vikings edged Pinconning

## NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Tawas	7-2	12-3
BC John Glenn	8-3	10-6
GRAYLING	7-3	10-6
Oscoda	5-5	10-6
Standish Sterling	4-6	6-10
Ogemaw Heights	3-7	4-11
Pinconning	1-9	3-14

NEMC standings compiled by  
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10-8 the rest of the way to lead 36-28 at the half. Grayling scored its 10 points on a shot inside by Kaiser, put-backs by Helsel and Joe Lange, and two baskets by Czapek.

The Vikings exploded for 29 points in the third quarter while holding Pinconning to nine.

With a jumper by Helsel, a lay-up by Gibson Tobin, jumpers by Lange and Czapek, a drive by Tobin, a triple by Helsel, and a free throw by Tobin, the Vikings led 50-37 with 3:19 remaining in the third period.

Grayling then went on a devastating 15-0 run to end the quarter. The Vikings got a big spark from Tobin, who came up with several steals and converted on some tough drives to the basket during the run. Tobin accounted for 11 of the 15 points, scoring on three drives, two put-backs, a shot inside, and a free throw. The 15-0 run also included a put-back and two free throws by Lange.

Grayling led by 28, 65-37, going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings cruised to a 24-point victory, 79-55.

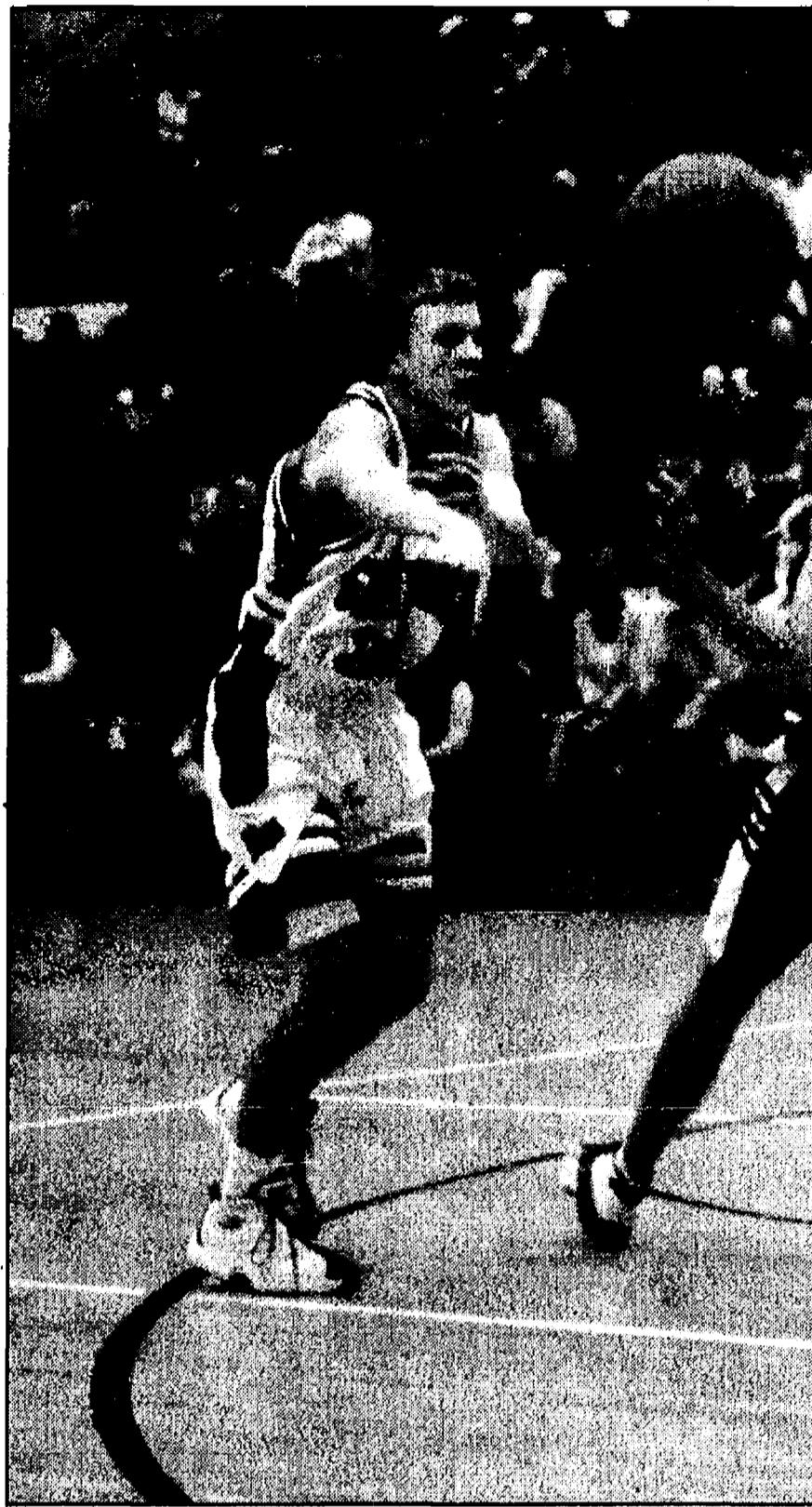
GHS scored 14 fourth quarter points on a put-back by Lange, a shot inside by Helsel, a jumper and a drive by Kaiser, a tip-in by Roger Alvarez on an in-bounds pass from Andy Strohpaul, a jump shot by Phil Armstrong, and free throws by Lange and Joe Zelek.

"I thought we took it up a couple of notches defensively in the third quarter," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We had over 20 defensive deflections in the quarter and we were very active."

"Offensively and defensively, we played as a team. Our guys passed the ball very well in transition and they looked to create shots for each other. This is a huge improvement from where we were a couple of weeks ago," Coach Moffit said. "Defensively, our help was good. Our big guys covered for our little guys and vice versa."

"We need to continue to improve. We have a big week of basketball coming up and we need to improve each day," Moffit said.

Tobin was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. He also had 14 assists and 11 steals for a triple-double. Helsel finished with 17 points, Kaiser scored 16, Czapek had 12, and



Photos by Caleb Casey

Phil Armstrong passes off to a teammate in last week's game against Pinconning.

Lange added 11. Lange had six blocks and nine rebounds.

On defense, the Vikings finished with 66 deflections.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a non-conference battle at Gladwin 78-62.

The game was tied at halftime, 35-35. The Vikings edged Gladwin 17-15 in the third quarter, then pulled away with a 26-14 fourth period.

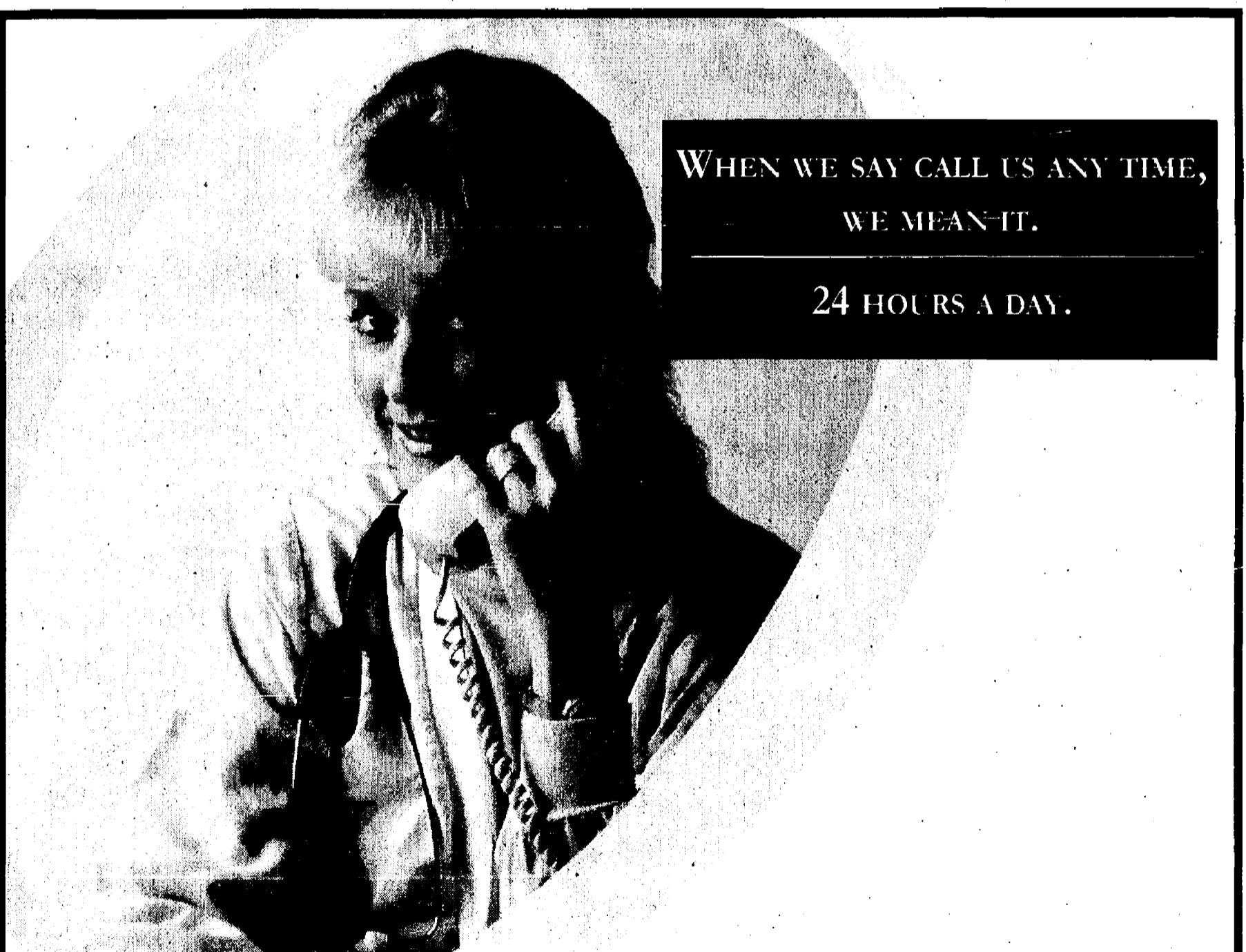
"We played very well down the stretch," said Coach Moffit. "We scored some easy baskets in transition and our defensive intensity went up a notch in the

fourth quarter."

Kaiser led the scoring attack for Grayling with 17 points. Helsel and Tobin each scored 14 and Strohpaul had 10. Czapek, Greg Morrill, Lange, Alvarez, Chad Helsel, and Armstrong also scored for Grayling in the match.

Lange led the squad in rebounding with nine boards. Tobin had seven assists. On defense, Kaiser had four steals.

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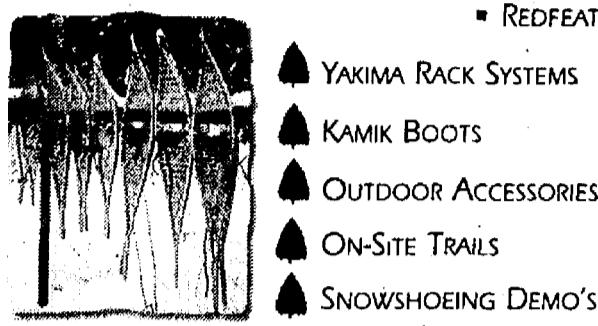
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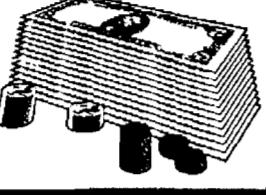
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The Vikings added to their lead with a 21-9 third period. GHS scored its 21 points on a lay-up by Hinkle, two shots inside and a jumper by Millikin, a jump shot by Davis, a shot inside by Tyler Cragg on a pass from Hinkle, a put-back by Starks, a shot inside by Cragg on a pass from D.J. Metzer, a triple by Starks, and free throws by Hinkle and Schmidt.

► Grayling moves to 15-1 with victories over Gladwin, Pinny

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

Grayling jumped ahead early and stayed ahead in last Friday's junior varsity boys basketball game vs. the Spartans of Pinconning at GHS.

The Vikings opened the match with a 12-0 run, fueling its offensive effort with steals on defense through aggressive play. Grayling's initial run included shots inside by Matt Swope and Josh Hinkle, a three-point play by Ryan Davis, a free throw by Swope, a drive by Hinkle on a pass from Ryan Schmidt after a steal, and a jump shot by Schmidt.

Grayling scored 15 more points in the first period. Davis had nine of them, including three on a triple, and Hinkle (4) and Swope (2) accounted for the other six.

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# JV Vikings win two more



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Bobby Starks handles the ball for Grayling in the game vs. Pinconning.**

Grayling won by a final score of 75-49. The Vikings scored eight fourth quarter points on a lay-up by Davis, a put-back by Millikin, a shot inside by Russ Peters, and a jumper by Starks.

Davis was the scoring leader for Grayling in the match with 23 points. Hinkle scored 16, and Millikin and Starks each finished with 11.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won 57-46 at Gladwin.

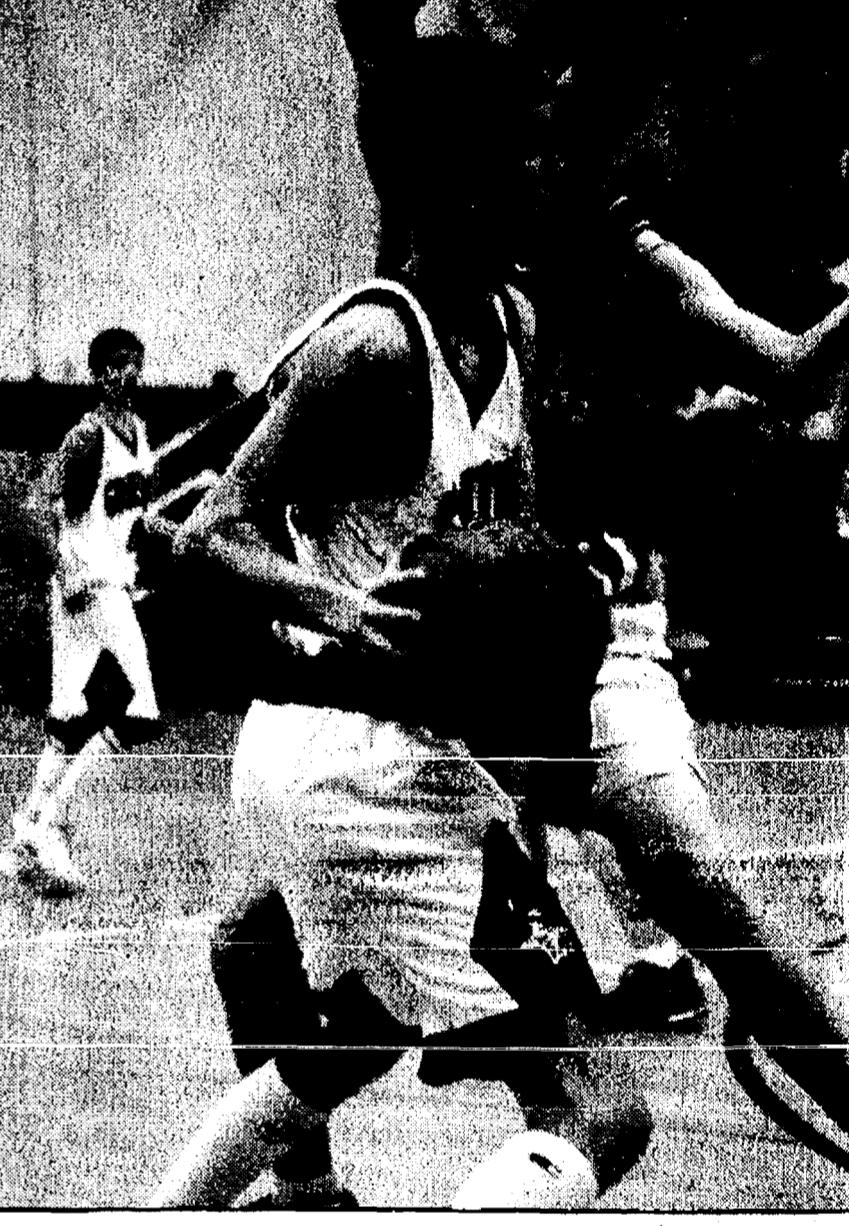
Grayling jumped out to a 26-11 lead after one quarter. The Vikings led 35-17 at the half and 42-23 after three quarters. Gladwin cut into Grayling's lead in the fourth period, but the Vikings held on for an 11-point win.

"We played a great first quarter, both offensively and defensively," Coach Butch Hayes said. "Defensively, we played a good second and third quarter. The fourth quarter, we had a let down."

At Gladwin, Hinkle led the scoring effort for Grayling with 19 points. Davis scored 11 and Schmidt added 10. Swope finished with nine. Millikin, Metzer, and Jess Bobenmoyer also scored for Grayling in the contest.

With its two wins last week, the JV team improved its season record to 15-1.

The Vikings will play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on



**Josh Hinkle looks for a way around a Pinconning defender on Friday night.**

Friday, February 21. On Tuesday, February 25, the team will play at Roscommon.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Womens Team

ROSCOMMON — Stefanie Donaldson scored 25 points and Mary Czarnecki added 19 points and 12 rebounds Saturday to power St. Clair to a 76-49 victory over Kirtland.

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Becca Miller had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Lady Firebirds, who played the entire second half with just five players because of injuries to five teammates. With one win in its last eight games, Kirtland fell to 2-10 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-18 overall.

Darci Ross scored 12 points and Danielle Reinbold had 10 points and 11 rebounds for St. Clair, which clinched a berth in the post-season state tournament with a 7-5 record. The Lady Skippers are 13-10 overall.

### Mens Team

ROSCOMMON — Sophomore guard Jake Milarch scored 19 points Saturday to lead Kirtland to an 80-65 victory over St. Clair, bolstering the Firebirds' bid for their first-ever post-season state tournament.

Alvaidas Gedminas had 11 points with 15 rebounds and Eugene Phillips and Reuben Edwards had 13 points each for Kirtland, which earned its second straight victory. They improved to 6-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 11-14 overall.

Kirtland's three-year-old program began the day in sixth place among the Eastern Conference's 10 teams. The top six teams in each conference advance to the state tournament.

St. Clair's Mike Didio led all scorers with 23 points. He made seven of nine shots from three-point range to help his team stay within range until the closing minutes. The Skippers fell to 1-11 in the conference and 3-23 overall.

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# Winter Fun Days



Photo by Caleb Casey  
Jon Handy jumps in the Big Air (Ski) Competition at Winter Fun Days.

**Results of the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition and Slalom Races:**

**Big Air (Snowboard)**

**Girls**

1st Laura Brackenbury

**Boys (9-10)**

1st Daniel Bertalan

2nd Brady Coe

**Boys (11)**

1st Eric Ferrigan

2nd Brad Bertalan

**Boys (12)**

1st Mike Davis

2nd David Lawe

**Boys (13)**

1st Dougie Slater

2nd Jason Wilson

3rd Billy Weaver

4th Justin Sheldon

5th Chris Dudzinski

**Boys (17+)**

1st Erik Olson

2nd Nick McNamar

**Slalom (Snowboard)**

**5th-6th grade**

1st Laura Brackenbury

2nd Mikey Davis

3rd Brady Coe

4th David Lawe

**11th grade**

1st Brandon Burrick

**Slalom (Ski)**

**2nd-4th grade**

1st Alex Sjoman

2nd Sarah Robinson

3rd Jo Hamlin

4th Ann Hamlin

**5th-8th grade**

1st Jason Wilson

2nd Cassie Pizzi

3rd Colin Hamlin

**9th grade**

1st Dustin Pizzi



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Gabby Calkins (front) and Rachel Ward display the trophies they won in the Winter Fun Days Big Air (Ski) Competition.

## 9th grade team loses at Standish

► Vikings fall to 9-3 with 62-57 loss at Standish Sterling Central

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team fell to 9-3 with a 62-57 loss at Standish Sterling Central last Monday.

Eli VanNuck and Ryan Feldhauser led Grayling's scoring attack with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Both players had four steals on defense. Zac Baker

came up just short of a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds.

"We really played a great defensive game the first half," Coach Joe Mau said. "We just lost our defensive intensity the second half. We will continue to work hard, focus on our defense in practice, and prepare for Gaylord."

"Ryan Feldhauser had a great game, both offensively and defensively — perhaps his best defensive performance of the year," Coach Mau said.

## HL to host soccer clinic for high school girls

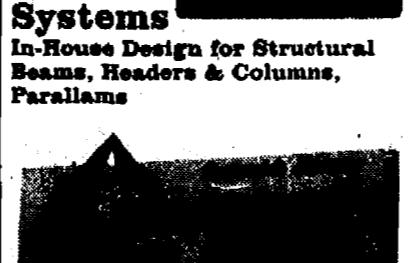
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The Vikings will play at Roscommon on Tuesday, February 25, at 4:30 p.m.

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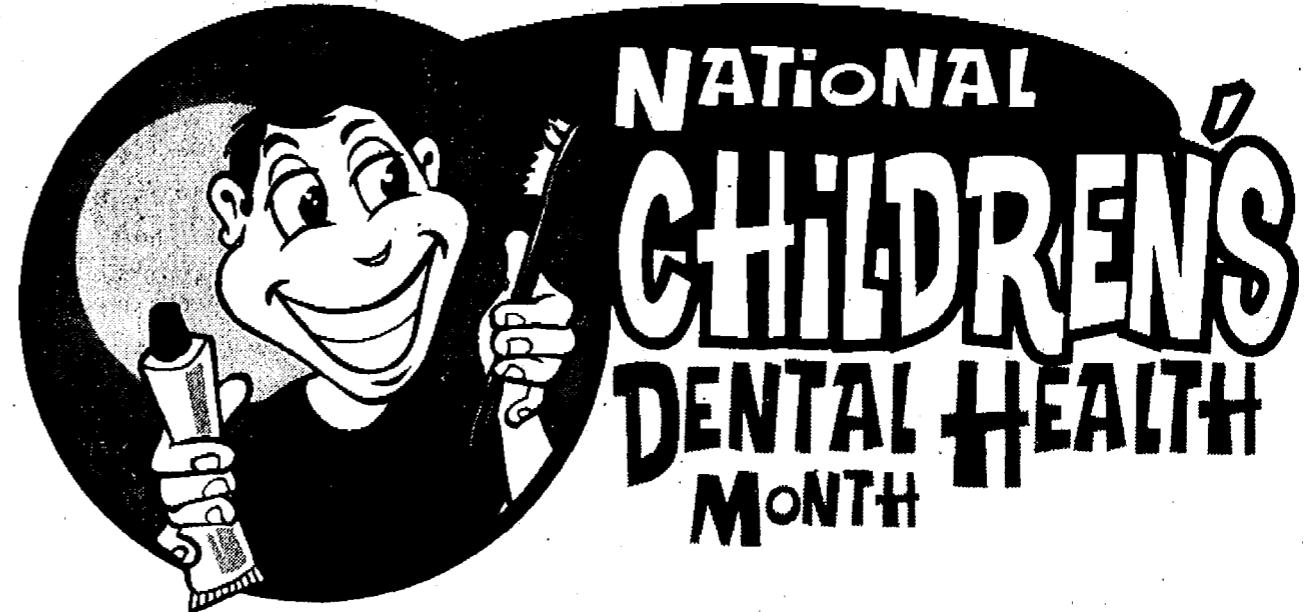
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#### Important advice for preventing BBTD

- Parents should begin offering fluids in a cup to children at age six months and have babies off bottles at the age of one year.
- Avoid using a bottle to help children fall asleep or fill it with water rather than sugary liquids.
- Clean the baby's gum and tooth area with a soft washcloth at least once a day after the appearance of the first tooth.
- Parents should also check baby's mouth once a month for any early signs of tooth decay, such as white streaks on the upper four front teeth near the gum line.
- A child's first dental appointment should be scheduled around the time of the second birthday or sooner if parents notice problems.

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# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagor, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002  
Patrick Timothy Reid, II  
REID AND REID  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Business & Trade Center  
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400  
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384  
Telephone: (517) 487-6566  
-06-13-20-07-06

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**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paula L. Bergbreiter and Danny C. Bergbreiter husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Union National Bank of Delaware, a National Banking Association, Mortgage, dated January 5, 2001, and recorded on February 1, 2001 in Liber 527 on Page 570 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lender, its successors and assigns, as assignee by an assignment dated June 2, 2002, which was recorded on August 2, 2002, in Liber 590 on Page 496 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight and 81/100 dollars (\$66,288.81), including interest at 11.800% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner post of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West; thence North on the Section Line 1330.8 Feet to the 1/8 Post For A Place of Beginning; Thence East 300 Feet; Thence South 75 feet; Thence West 300 Feet; Thence North 75 Feet to the Place of Beginning, Less Highway Right-of-Way. Being a Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team G (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311266

Team G

-20-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in

equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m., o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.

Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.

755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48084

WWR# 02694431  
Property to be posted:

302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

## USDA-FOREST SERVICE Huron-Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Thrasher Project. The Responsible official is leaning toward Alternative 2 which includes the following actions: Create Kirtland's warbler breeding habitat by clearcutting approximately 248 acres of jack pine; Construct approximately 1.0 mile of temporary roads to remove forest products; Reforest the clearcut areas to jack pine (approximately 242 acres) where natural regeneration does not occur. Approximately three acres of the clearcut areas would be left unplanted for hunting sites; Harvest approximately 11 acres of jack pine to establish fuel breaks adjacent to private property; Close approximately 0.3 miles of two-track road (Forest Road 3108) not needed for public transportation or management purposes; Install a wooden 'Huron National Forest' portal sign and a temporary informational sign along Chase Bridge Road. This alternative is preferred because it provides breeding habitat for the Kirtland's warbler, while minimizing impact to visual quality. The 30-day comment period provides the final opportunity for public review of these proposed actions and the environmental analysis. Comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a final decision. Your comments will be considered by District Ranger, Michael J. Weber in reaching a final decision. Mr. Weber may be reached at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 826-3252. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. Please send comments to District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647. Copies of the Decision Notice will be sent to people who submit comments or who request copies during or before the comment period.

## South Branch Township

### NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS.

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2003/04 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on March 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting March 11, 2003 after regular meeting.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended; MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Laura Smith, Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, PO Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-8232.

#### Notice South Branch Township

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

2. Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.

3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 8, 2003 May 13, 2003 June 10, 2003

July 8, 2003 August 12, 2003 September 9, 2003

October 14, 2003 November 11, 2003 December 9, 2003

January 13, 2004 February 10, 2004 March 9, 2004

**Annual Meeting: March 11, 2003**

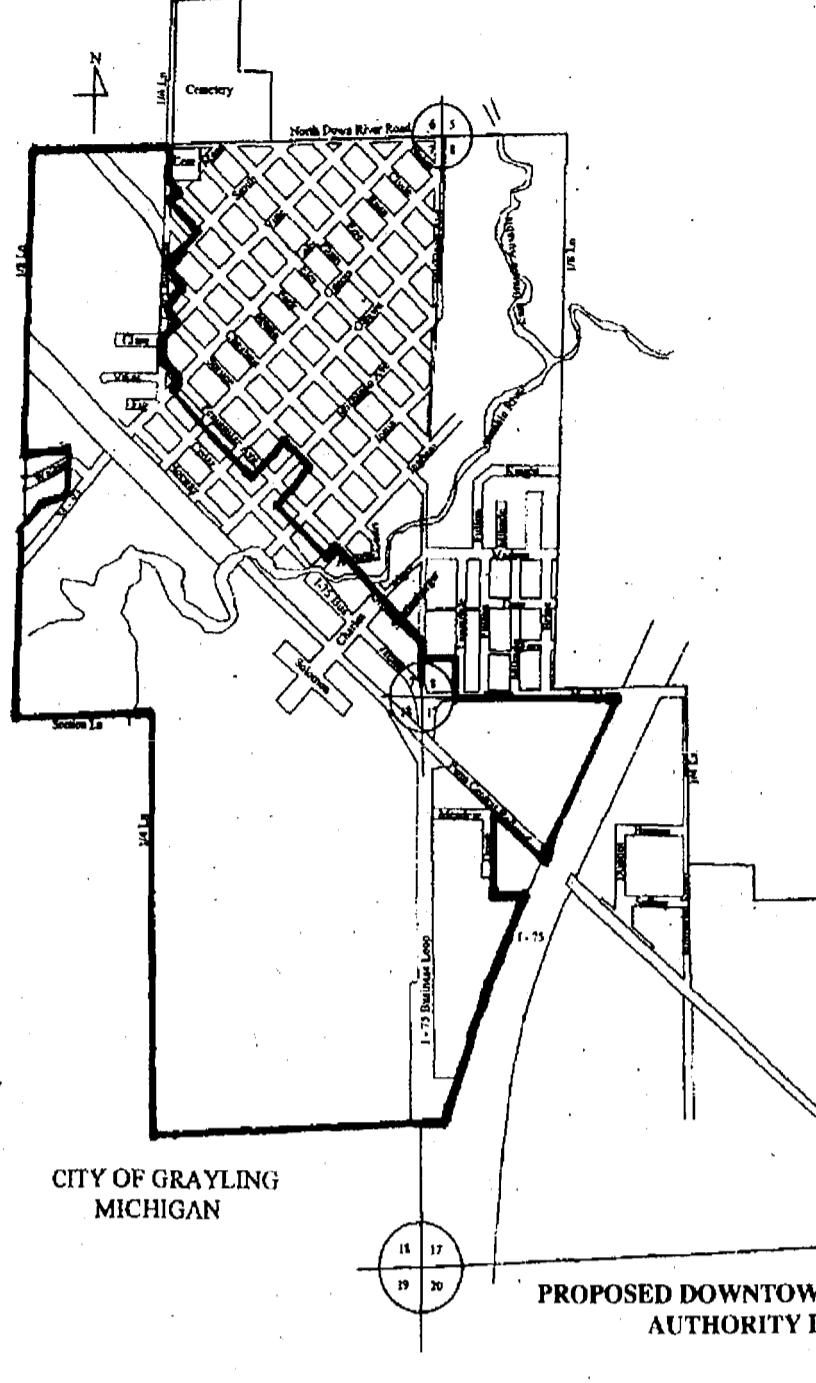
A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2003/04 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2003 are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

\*South Branch Township will be taking applications for all job openings that might occur. Please feel free to call the office at (989) 275-8232 and ask for Laura and/or Dee.\*\*

## CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grayling will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at The Grayling Elementary School, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to consider the adoption of an Ordinance establishing a Downtown Development Authority for the City of Grayling pursuant to Act 197 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1975, as amended. All city residents are invited to attend this meeting.

The proposed boundaries of the downtown district in which the Downtown Development Authority will exercise its powers are generally described as follows and shown on the map below:



PROPOSED DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT

Downtown Development Authority Boundary Description  
City of Grayling, Michigan

The properties described below shall constitute the Grayling Downtown Development Authority District:

Parcel A:

The portion of Section 17, T26N, R3W lying Northwest of the Western Right of Way line of Interstate 75 Highway except:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W, thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes west along the section line 692.75 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes, East 130 feet; thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes West 423.25 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 499.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes West 113.59 feet; thence South 45 degrees 49 minutes East along the Right of Way of PCRR 767.6 feet; thence South 27 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West along the Western Right of Way of I-75 240 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 397.96 feet; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes East 620.52 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 66.0 feet to Point of Beginning; and excepting

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W; thence 0 degree 51 minutes 10 seconds West 1182 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 629.5 feet; thence South 1 degree 53 minutes 54 seconds West 554.42 feet to Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 463.72 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 329.28 feet; thence North 82 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West 225.04 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes West 118.74 feet; thence North 1 degree 47 minutes 28 seconds East 200.69 feet to Point of Beginning; and excepting

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, T26N, R3W; thence South 0 degree 51 minutes 10 seconds West 1182 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 629.5 feet; thence South 1 degree 53 minutes 54 seconds West 554.42 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes East 463.72 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 329.28 feet to Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 27 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds West 275 feet; thence North 88 degrees 6 minutes 59 seconds West 203.28 feet; thence North 1 degree 47 minutes 28 seconds East 345 feet; thence South 88 degrees 7 minutes East 118.74 feet; thence South 62 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds East 225.04 feet to Point of Beginning.

Parcel B:

The East of Section 18, T26N, R3W lying North of the South 1/8th line of said section.

Parcel C:

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W lying between the West 1/8th line and South of the Northern Right of Way line of the Lake State Railroad.

Parcel D:

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W, lying West of the Eastern Right of Way line of Business Loop I-75 and North of the Southern Right of Way line of M-72 highway; and

That portion of Section 7, T26N, R3W, beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 7, T26N, R3W, thence North to the intersection of the Centerline of Oliver Street; thence Northerly along said Centerline to the North line of the AuSable River; thence Westerly along said North line of the AuSable River to the North Right of Way line of the Lake States Railroad; thence Southerly along said Lake States Railroad Right of Way line to the South line of Section 7, T26N, R8W; thence East to the Point of Beginning; and

That part of the Original Plat of the City of Grayling located south of the Centerline of Peninsular Avenue extended to the North line of the AuSable River and north of the North Right of Way of the Lake State Railroad, and south of Lake Street, except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block 3, and except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block 14, and except lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 15, and except lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 16, and except lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Block 18; and

That portion of lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 11, and lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Block 20 and the adjacent portion of Spruce Street, in the Original Plat of the City of Grayling; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling lying northwest of lots 6 and 7, Block 27; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling known as lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 27 and all of Block 31 of the City of Grayling; and

That portion of the Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling known as lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 32 of the city of Grayling; and

Parcel C and Block 10 of the original plat of the City of Grayling.

Parcel E:</p

# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 27th day of January 2003

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Palmer, Moshier

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Terry McGregor, Lynne McConnell, Caleb Casey, Dale Overmyer, Tammy Overmyer, Skip Madsen, Gail Madsen, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Bill Gannon, Tim Zigila, Tom Wellman, Steve Langseth

III. Public Hearing.

None.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

A. MaryAnn Ferrigan's Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission.

B. Revenue/Expenditure Report December 2002.

C. Final Financial Report from Auditors Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2002.

03-20

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes.

03-21

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

03-22

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the special meeting of January 17, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

03-23

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes that the minutes of the special meeting of January 18, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

VI. Old Business.

### A. DDA Map 03-24

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to increase the size of the proposed DDA district to include the South Business Loop south to the City Limits, "Golf Course" Property, "Court House" Property, the old "Bear Archery" Property and excluding the area on Michigan Avenue from Peninsular to Spruce and the lots fronting on Peninsular. Roll Call Vote: Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, Banda: Absent, Hayes: Aye, Moshier: Nay, motion carried.

### B. D&K Investments 03-25

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes to give Dale Overmyer the first right of refusal on the "Grayling Reel" pole building. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

### C. VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

None.

### D. IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

ZBA:

•None.

Planning Commission:

•Did not have a quorum to have a meeting.

### E. Parks Committee:

Moshier was absent from the meeting and there was nobody else from the Committee present to give a report.

### F. X. Reports from Manager & Council Members.

Manager Report:

•Allen will be gone Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to a Manager's Conference in Ypsilanti.

•Working on Recreation Plan

•MML Legislative Conference

Council Member Reports:

Wyman wanted to know if we have heard anything back from Don Bowers at Century 21, regarding the parking lot at Shoppenagons. Allen said we have not.

•Wyman would like to have a letter of appreciation sent to MaryAnn Ferrigan for her time served on the Planning Commission.

03-29

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to pay Tom Wellman mileage for use of his personal vehicle on the ice rink.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

### XI. Adjournment

03-30

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagor, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagor to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003

For information, please call:

Team D (248) 593-1309

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200312104

Team D

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311289

Team X

-30-06-13-20

## NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2003 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.32	1.2400
Commercial	39.46	1.2671
Industrial	46.77	1.0691
Residential	45.03	1.1103
Lee Riley Supervisor		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**February 21, 1980**

The community effort to raise funds to purchase a much-needed new county ambulance reached its goal Saturday when the benefit basketball game netted over \$2,000 pushing contributions over the \$35,000 mark.

A group of Grayling High band students participated in the District II Solo and Ensemble festival held in Gaylord. These students include Sue Weeber, Gerry Johnson, Shawna Watters, Sue Prause, Marian Matyn, Jay Schrader, George Morse and Jim Kitch.

Forty-eight of Michigan's 83 counties recorded more than 80 inches of snow during the 1978-79 winter, qualifying them for snow-removal assistance.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, Crawford County with 98 inches of snowfall qualified for a \$18,300 payment.

The top five counties in snowfall measurement were: Keweenaw, 374 inches, Houghton, 278 inches, Baraga, 219 inches, Alger 214 inches and Ontonagon, 209 inches.

Six "canoeists" battled it out in the finals last Sunday in the downhill canoe classic held at Hanson Hills. Skimming across the finish line into a first place

finish were Mark and Bill Milliken. Second place team is Jeff and dad Jack Harney and third place is Marty VanDeVen and Arnold Bader.

Eight of thirteen Viking wrestlers who competed in the District Tournament have qualified to advance to Regionals. These wrestlers include Tim Jones, Burt Partello, Jerry Lucksted, Tim Jensen, John Solomonson, Dave Pettit, Tim Ferrigan and Terry Lucksted.

Viking center Mike Chrisman stepped to the free throw line Friday night with just 14 seconds left in the game and calmly dropped in two clutch free throws that proved to be the margin of victory over the St. Ignace Saints. The win keeps the Vikes hopes alive for the league title.

The 1980 financial picture for Crawford County brightened significantly last week when commissioners were informed by Treasurer Joe Wakeley that his office had received a Swamp Tax revenue check for \$62,198.

### 46 Years Ago

**February 21, 1957**

The Frederic High Eagles battled back in the second half last Tuesday to post their sixteenth straight basketball victory of the season without a defeat. This is the longest winning streak of any

cage team in the state regardless of class. Team members include John Mertes, Lewis Johnson, Bruce Welch, Wayne Winston, Bob Pratt, Larry Bayham, Alfie Hummel, Bill Johnson and Paul Rolfe.

The District Health Department will hold a polio vaccine clinic on Monday. Shots will be administered by Dr. Paul Dosch.

National Guard, M/Sgt. Claude T. Halstead Jr., of Grayling, was called to active duty February 4 to attend a two-week course at the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

The winter sports picture in and around Grayling was still a big one this past weekend.

Skiing was reported "excellent" at all areas as a soft, fine fall of new snow covered the ground. Skating and tobogganing was also very good at the Grayling Park.

Arthur J. Wakeley of Wakeley's Corner Store, was awarded a plaque by the Standard Oil Company last week in appreciation of 26 years of continuous association with the company.

The Vikings continued their hold on second place in the Northern Class C Conference as they downed a fighting band of Charlevoix Red Rayders Friday night.

### 69 Years Ago

**February 22, 1934**

Ted Wheeler is assisting Gordon Pond with delivering for the Niederer Coal Company

while Mr. Niederer is busy on his ice cutting job.

Roscommon's rangy scrappy basketball team edged out a 25-24 verdict over Grayling that wasn't decided until the last possible tick of the stop-watch. The Grayling reserves got a 11-6 decision to give Grayling a more or less even break for the evening.

There will be a mass meeting at the clubrooms over the Hanson Hardware Wednesday night to discuss the contemplated Homecoming. Everyone should be there to express an opinion.

Wilhelm Raae returned to Grayling last Saturday from Portland, Oregon where he had been since last summer in the interest of a lumber company.

The Danish church, which was damaged by fire several weeks ago, will be ready for use next Sunday.

Reappointments of three state Conservation Commission members received senate confirmation February 13.

Reappointed from Grayling was George A. Griffith.

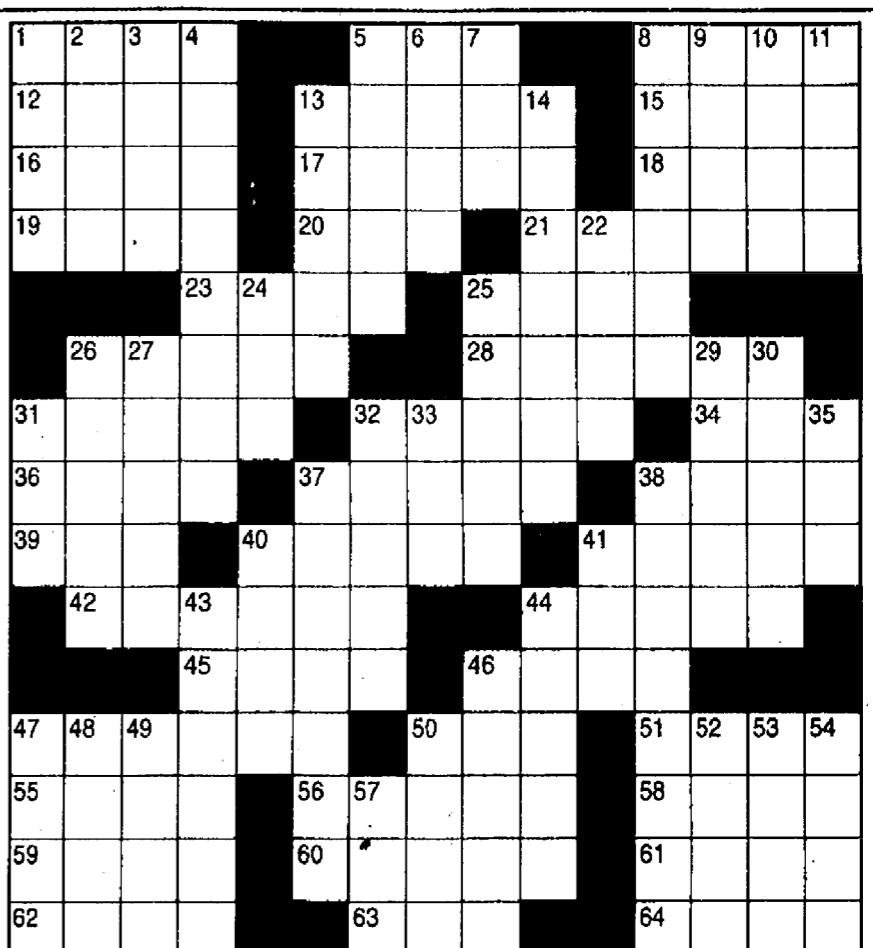
Movies showing this week include "The Best Things in Life are Free" with Brandon McRae and Sheree North and "The Hot Shots" starring the Bowery Boys.

### 92 Years Ago

**February 23, 1911**

Frederic Flashes: Jake Berlin made his last visit here Monday in the interest of the dry goods.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Grassy place
- 4. Drink thirstily
- 5. Luggage identifier
- 8. Ralph Lauren's line
- 12. As to
- 13. "Spicy" musical style
- 15. Estrada of CHIPS
- 16. Twist
- 17. \_\_\_ Grace (Atwood novel)
- 18. Eye maliciously
- 19. Cinematographers' swings
- 20. Golf ball's launching pad
- 21. "Little Miss Muffet" ... (3 wds.)
- 23. Pointers
- 25. Golden, for one
- 26. Actress Joey Lauren
- 28. Deteriorates
- 31. Sparkling
- 32. Fracas
- 34. Sty denizen
- 36. Like \_\_\_ out of hell (2 wds.)
- 37. Spanish melodies
- 38. Laos's locale
- 39. First name in Wolfmen
- 40. Award funds
- 41. Sample bottles
- 42. Candidate's promise
- 44. Magdalene and Poppins
- 45. Kirghiz range
- 46. Drink thirstily
- 47. Weather word
- 50. Saucepan
- 51. The \_\_\_ of the White Worm (1988 film)
- 55. Sound like a chained-up dog
- 56. Turn inside out
- 58. Lhasa \_\_\_
- 59. "\_\_\_ Along Without You Very Well"
- 60. Loves a lot
- 61. One of the Bush sons
- 62. About half a jigger
- 63. Commanded
- 64. Celtic language
- 11. Gumbo ingredient
- 13. Gluts
- 14. Guarantees
- 22. African plant
- 24. Diamond judge
- 25. Rent again
- 26. Trellis
- 27. Newswoman Sawyer
- 29. Bar exam component
- 30. Stains
- 31. Baseball's Ripken
- 32. Little Havana's locale
- 33. Sea Eagle
- 35. "There \_\_\_ an old woman..."
- 37. Systemized
- 38. 1980 disaster-film spoof
- 40. Midas's obsession
- 41. Kilmer of The Saint
- 43. Imperfect
- 44. Mongrels
- 46. Overcharged
- 47. Semiconductor
- 48. Peacock, for NBC
- 49. Supreme Court Justice Roberts
- 50. Folk singer Seeger
- 52. Mimicker
- 53. Horus's mother
- 54. Cattle call prize
- 57. \_\_\_-au-Vent

### DOWN

- 1. Speech impediment
- 2. "Diana" singer Paul
- 3. Drab looking songbird
- 4. Jennings's report
- 5. Allegories
- 6. "I cannot tell \_\_\_" (2 wds.)
- 7. Org. that is Juliette Low's legacy
- 8. Attacked with stones
- 9. Sandwich cookie brand
- 10. Property attachment

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## MAZE

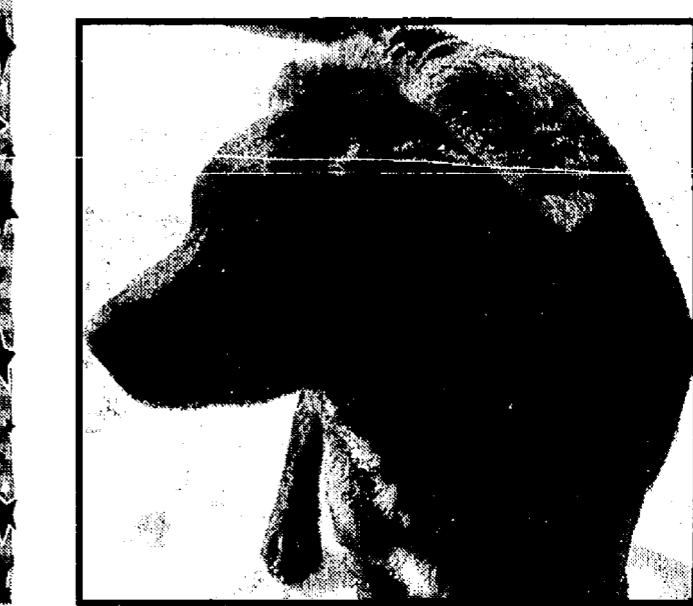


### DID YOU KNOW

Homing pigeons carried messages for the ancient Egyptians and Persians more than 3,000 years ago.



## Adopt a Pet



This staffordshire terrier/german shepherd puppy is about 6 months old. He is very sweet. He is the last of his litter at the animal shelter and would love to be taken home and loved as his brothers and sisters have been. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**

**Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am**

**After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117**

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 20, 2003



December 22-

January 19

Sales, sales and more sales. Everywhere you look you see a sale. It may be time to pep up your wardrobe or pick up something you've been longing for.



March 21-

April 19

It's a good time to travel. Before you leave, clear up any lingering matters at work and home. Don't forget to pick up some souvenirs.



June 22-

July 22

You have received mixed messages at work. Schedule a meeting with all parties involved to determine exactly what you need to do. Then get busy!



September 23-

October 22

A friend who is in a romantic quandary asks for your advice. Be careful what you say. You don't want to steer them in the wrong direction.



January 20-

February 18

The push is on to reinvent yourself. Take some classes, try a new hobby or volunteer for a cause. Invest your time in something that will add a new dimension to your personality.



April 20-

May 19

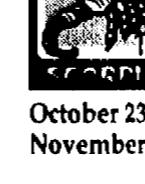
Your confidence level is high. You have accomplished a lot and have received many compliments. Keep up the good work.



July 23-

August 22

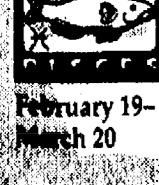
You've been so busy fulfilling everyone else's needs and wants that you haven't had any time to yourself. Learn to say no and put yourself first for a change.



October 23-

November 21

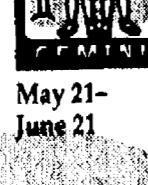
A family member makes a special announcement. Join in the celebration! An error has been made on an account. Clear up the matter quickly.



February 19-

March 20

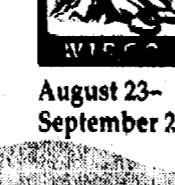
You are more of an inspiration than you think. Take a good look at yourself and recognize your skills and strengths. You have many...no wonder you inspire others.



May 21-

June 21

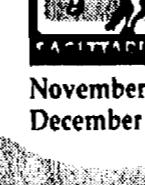
You are involved in so many things it's sometimes overwhelming. Take stock of your activities and eliminate those you enjoy least.



August 23-

September 22

A little disagreement results in a lot of tension at the office. Keep a low profile and focus on your work, not on what others say.



November 22-

December 21

An old friend has made a remarkable discovery. Congratulate them and share in their excitement. Pay attention to your finances; your spending may be getting out of hand.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	H	L	Snow	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
2/12	14	-4	2.5						
2/13	14	-10							
2/14	11	-11	1	High 27	High 32	High 30	High 19	High 9	High 11
2/15	18	-14		Low 13	Low 19	Low 4	Low -9	Low -7	Low 6
2/16	10	-18							



**3 BEDROOM MOBILE, 1 1/2 BATH** Private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$450 month plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 (-20-27-6/2)

### Employment

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** Fast paced medical office seeks both a FT and PT Medical Assistant. Interested parties please send resume, P.O. Box 2219, Gaylord, MI 49734. (-20-27/3)

### 2. For Rent

## FOR RENT

**Grayling Housing Commission**  
Base Rent is based on 30% of  
Adjusted Income

Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom .... \$400.00  
Two Bedroom .... \$350.00  
Three Bedroom .... \$375.00  
Four Bedroom .... \$400.00

Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive

Telephone: 989-348-9314



**Cobble Creek I & II Apartments**, a family community, is now accepting applications for our spacious, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments and barrier free units. Rent is based on income. For additional information or application please call 989-348-3150 or for hearing impaired call 1 (800) 760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity. Lansing Management Company.

**MEDICAL RECORDS/COPY PERSON**  
Local area hospital. Medical and/or clerical experience preferred. (231) 932-2445 (-20/3)

**PHYSICAL THERAPY** We're Concept-Rehab and we are caring for our patients! Join a dynamic growing company by becoming part of an excellent rehab team specializing in SNF settings. Full, part time or PRN positions available for PTA in the East Jordan, Michigan area. Competitive benefits and compensation package. Relocation assistance available. For more info on this and other openings throughout Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania please fax resume to Concept Rehab, Inc., at (419) 843-4158, attn: Kristie Stewart, phone (800) 297-1194, ext. 120 or e-mail kristie@granitecircle.com (-20/3)

**NURSING INSTRUCTOR** Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time OB clinical nursing instructor for the summer, 2003 semester (May 14-July 2). Must have a Bachelor's degree in nursing, a minimum of two years work related nursing experience in an OB setting, and a current nursing license. Submit letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-20/3)

**DRIVERS NEEDED** Regional courier company is currently seeking independent contractors in cars, minivans and cargo vans to make deliveries in the Northern Michigan area. Please call (888) 336-7205 for an appointment. (-20-27-6-13/3)

**MERCY AMICARE HOME-CARE & HOSPICE** is looking for an RN who is willing to work contingently for the Hospice service. This person will work in the office and/or some occasional field work. Computer or laptop experience a plus! This is a great opportunity for an RN who does not want caseload, or specific schedule. One or more years of experience, med surg nursing, or hospice/homecare experience. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be organized. Interested candidates can call Gayle Willett for more information (800) 424-1457 or mail resume/application to: 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax: (989) 348-0045 Attn: Gayle. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (12/19/02tf/3)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

**WANTED:** Experienced truck drivers. Must be self-motivated, have a current CDL license and valid medical card. Benefits include health insurance, employer matching 401(k) and Section 125 plan. Please fax your resume or letter detailing work history to (989) 356-3628 or mail to Woodland Harvesting, Inc., at P.O. Box 676, Alpena, MI 49707. E.O.E. (-20-27/3)

**AUTO TECHNICIAN** Heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessity. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, safe, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. (989) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (2/20/03tf/3)

LPN's **WANTED** Interim Occupational Health is currently seeking LPN's to participate in Wellness Programs over the next few months in the Grayling area. Programs could include cholesterol, bone density, diabetes, and flu shots. Please fax or e-mail resumes to: Attn: Chris. Fax: (248) 334-0022 christinerowland@interimhealthcare.com (-20/3)

**MEDICAL STAFF COORDINATOR** Mercy Hospital Grayling is looking for the exceptional person to fill a position as a Medical Staff Coordinator. The successful candidate will have a high school diploma (or GED equivalent), Associates degree in Secretarial Science or equivalent highly desirable, 3-5 years secretarial experience or equivalent required, proven personal computer skills in Word, Database Management, PowerPoint and Excel. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills, typing speed of 60 WPM. Certified Medical Staff Coordinator Certification preferred. We offer competitive salary and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Grayling, Human Resources Department, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0528 or fax (989) 348-0485. (-20/3)

**THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM** has summer positions (May 15-mid-August), for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal). Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail JoAnn Carroll at carrollja@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

LAWN	TAG	POLO
INRE	SALSA	ERIK
SKEW	ALI'S	LEER
PANS	TEE	SATONA
CUES	RULE	
ADAMS	ERODES	
CRISP	MELEE	SOW
ABAT	AIRES	ASIA
LON	GRANT	VIALS
REFORM	MARYS	
ALAI	GULP	
CLOUDY	POT	LAIR
HOWL	EVERT	APS0
IGET	DOTES	NEIL
PONY	LED	ERSE

## North Central Community Mental Health

is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratio of 1:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.11/hr, increased to \$8.90/hr after paid training. Potential for promotion to full-time with excellent fringe benefit package. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth at (989) 348-2461 Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. EOE

## North Central Community Mental Health

**CUSTOMER/PROVIDER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE:** Seeking individual to provide reception and clerical support in busy office environment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Ideal candidate will have previous clerical experience acquired through college training or extensive work experience. Duties include greeting consumers, triaging situations, typing, filing, phones. Requires strong computer skills, organizational skills and independent judgment. Based in the Houghton Lake office. Competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 by 2/28/03. EOE

## Registered Nurses

West Branch Regional Medical Center has R.N. Openings-CICU, OB, ER, and Medical/Surgical. Full & part time openings. Day and night shifts available. Along with our state-of-the-art facility, we are excited to offer competitive wages and benefit package. If you are qualified and interested please mail a resume to:

West Branch Regional Medical Center  
John Tolfree Health System Corporation  
C/O Traci Webber  
Human Resources Assistant  
2463 S. M-30  
West Branch, Michigan 48661  
Department 2  
Fax 989-343-3646

## MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER

Partnering with MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

**REGISTERED NURSE or LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE** needed immediately to do home health visits throughout the West Branch area on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. This part-time position offers paid mileage and excellent benefits.

**Competitive pay range based on experience.**

2 years med/surg, home care, or private service experience required.

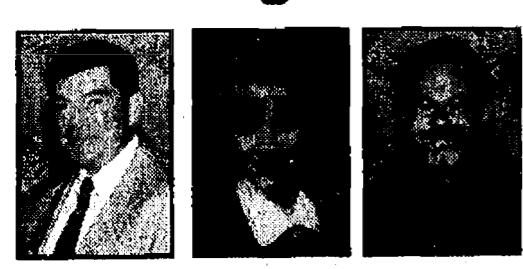
For more information call:

(800) 252-2065 or (989) 343-1100

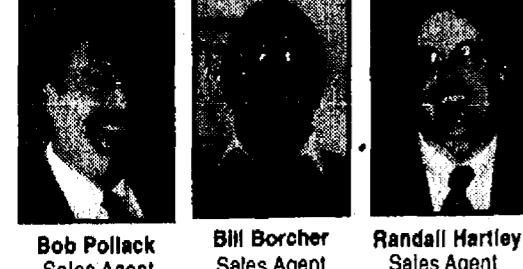
or send resume to:

Lisa Larson, Manager, or Barb Knox, Clinical Supervisor  
Munson Home Health  
335 East Houghton Ave., West Branch, MI 48661

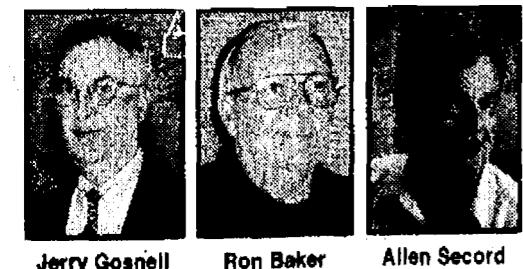
## Go With The Winning Team!



Randy Thompson Broker / Owner Connie Wimans Associate Broker Scott Hanson Sales Agent

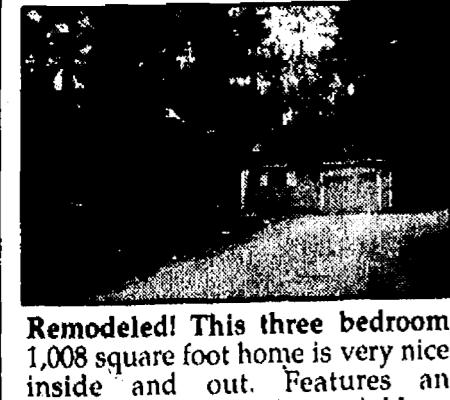


Bob Pollack Sales Agent Bill Borcher Sales Agent Randall Hartley Sales Agent



Jerry Goanell Associate Broker Ron Baker Associate Broker Allen Secord Sales Associate

### Special Feature!



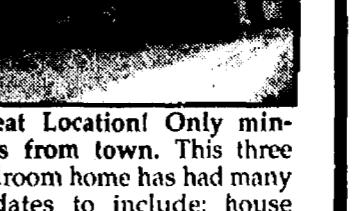
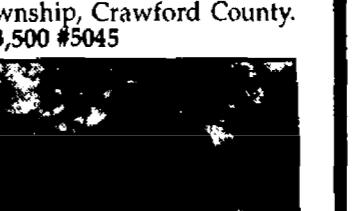
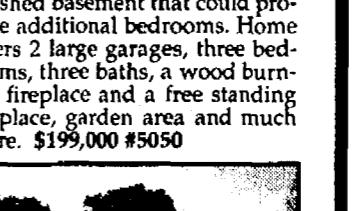
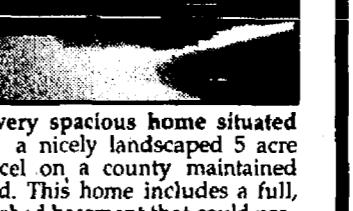
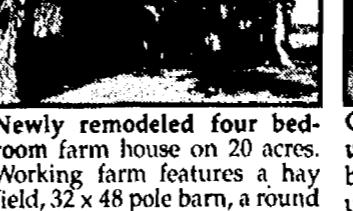
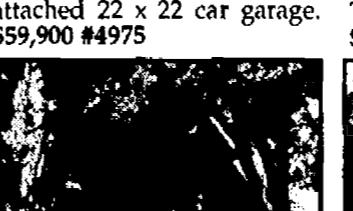
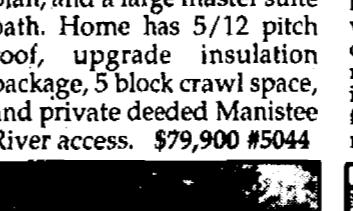
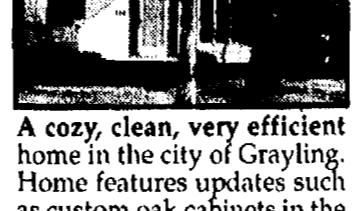
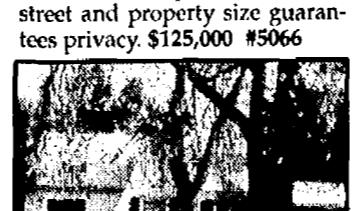
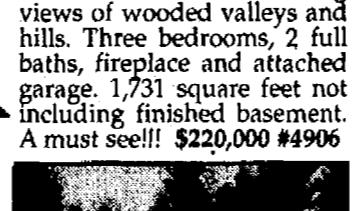
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**2000 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4X4**  
V6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4957-1  
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Really nice new body style! Ready for Winter! #19538-1  
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**2002 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
don't pay \$45,000 for a brand new one! LS, fully equipped! #19666-1  
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**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, V8, with air! V-8 with only 10,000 miles! #4899-1  
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LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718-1  
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**1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**  
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923-1  
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**2001 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Extended minivan. Loaded with rear air, all of the options! Only 27,000 miles! Perfect for spring break vacation! #19701-1  
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**1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1  
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**1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles! These are \$30,000 brand new! #19311-1  
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**Blowout Price \$10,488** Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD WINDSTAR**  
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low payment! #19107-1  
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**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4918-1  
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**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto, air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825-1  
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